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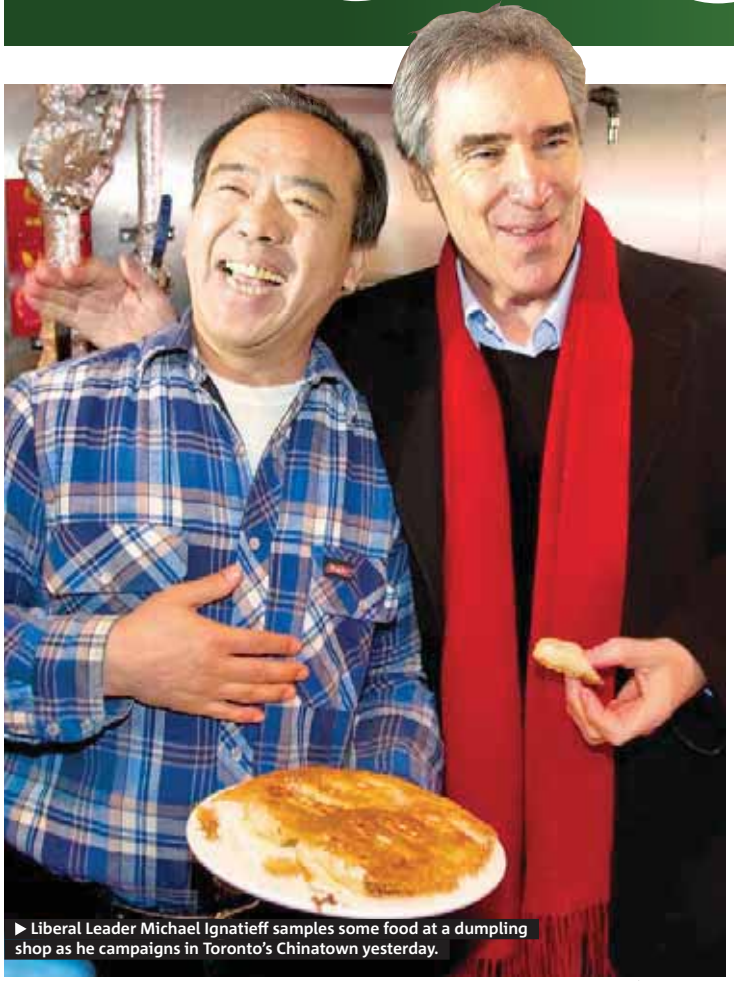

▶ Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff samples some food at a dumpling shop as he campaigns in Toronto's Chinatown yesterday.

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Leaders get down to business

Tories promise tax break — when books are balanced ◐ Last week's lame-duck budget projected deficit will be gone in 2015-16 ◐ Policy would benefit single-income households with stay-at-home spouse: Economist

It took a weekend of mudslinging but Canada's 41st general election campaign climbed out of the sandbox yesterday and started focusing on policy.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper was in B.C. promising a tax break of up to $1,300 for two-parent families, albeit several years from now — and provided the government manages to balance the budget.

The $2.5-billion scheme would allow spouses with children younger than 18 to split household income up to $50,000 in order fall into lower tax brackets.

Harper said the tax code currently treats families like "roommates living under the same roof with no financial attachment ... That's not fair."

In Toronto, Liberal Leader Michael Ignatieff dismissed the Conservative tax promise, saying families are being put "at the back of the line" behind big business. He also argued that Tory spending priorities such as corporate tax cuts, stealth fighter jets and prison expansion would leave a shortfall when the federal-provincial accord on health care expires in 2014.

Bloc Québécois Leader Gilles Duceppe said if the Conservatives were serious about the family-income-splitting plan, it would have been included in last week's federal budget.

NDP Leader Jack Layton said Harper has already rejected far more practical measures to help families. THE CANADIAN PRESS

"You come up to a family and say, 'I've got good news! First, I'm going to cut taxes for the biggest and most profitable corporations in the country. And then maybe in five years, if you take a ticket and you're patient and you vote for us a couple times, come back and we'll do something really great for you.' Is that credible? It's just not credible." LIBERAL LEADER MICHAEL IGNATIEFF ON THE PROPOSED TAX BREAK

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Crime. Mothers' grief

▶ Ayisha Spence, second from left, and Lesley Parker, right, react with cries and screams of disbelief as they watch the removal of the body of Clifenton Ford, 38, a victim of an early morning shooting yesterday at G's Chill and Grill on Eglinton Avenue East near Midland. Both women have children fathered by Ford.

TANNIS TOOHEY/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Man killed in shooting at Scarborough bar

Peel councillor to run for federal Tories

Liberal incumbent in Brampton riding ▶ Conservatives are working on their appeal to Punjabi-Canadian community, which has traditionally backed Grits

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Life in the Liberal stronghold of Brampton suddenly got tougher for the Grits, with news that popular Mississauga Coun. Eve Adams is running for the Conservatives in a bid to oust Navdeep Bains.

The Tory strategy leans on capturing key ridings just west of Toronto, but so far it has lacked a star candidate. While Brampton-Springdale, just to the north, has grabbed early headlines because of Liberal incumbent Ruby Dhalla's perceived weakness, Adams' arrival on the scene in Mississauga-Brampton South instantly makes the riding one to watch.

"I was totally surprised, blown away," said former MP Carolyn Parrish, commenting on Adams' decision. "I shouldn't be surprised — she was a parliamentary page as a young woman and now in her early 30s was already seen as a strong future mayoral candidate. I see her as a gentle Conservative, which is exactly what the party needs."

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▶ Coun. Eve Adams

Parrish, who is as plugged in as anyone on Peel politics, said during her time as a Mississauga councillor working with Adams she never heard so much as a whisper about the move.

Bains, also in his early 30s, won't be taking the news lightly, given that Adams' husband is a key Tory strategist and probably would have advised against the bid if she didn't stand a good chance of winning.

After being elected in 2004 as the youngest Liberal MP with a comfortable margin of about 14,000 votes, Bains' margins decreased significantly each of the last two elections.

His reliance on the Punjabi-Canadian vote could be challenged by the Tories, who will brand themselves as standing for conservative family and social values, which might resonate with orthodox Sikhs, Muslims and Hindus.

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Don't like it, love it

A lovely bunch rallies in front of Facebook Canada headquarters for a 'love' button on the social media site

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A "Love-Fest" flooded the corner of Bay and Bloor Street West with bushels of red balloons and picket signs yesterday.

The boisterous crowd gathered outside Facebook Canada headquarters at noon chanting and passing out flyers, pins and stickers for Virgin Mobile's campaign for a Love Button to become an official function on Facebook.

"We thought we'd do a peaceful movement. We are lovers, we want to show some love," said Andrew Bridge, brand and communications director at Virgin Mobile Canada. "We're just getting the word out and having fun at the same time."

The demonstration was met with curiosity and surprise from most passersby. One man, however, began to clash with some of the demonstrators and was escorted away by police.

A representative from Facebook Canada did not come out to meet the Love-Fest congregation as organizers had hoped, but they were pleased with the turnout and exposure from the event.

"So far we have 2,300 signatures on the petition," said Erica Faltous, a Virgin Mobile Canada official. "As we see the momentum grow we're going to take the petition to California and right to the headquarters of Facebook."

For more information, visit love.virginmobile.ca.

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▶ An energetic crowd gathered for Virgin Mobile's Love-Fest demonstration chanting, "We aren't likers, we are lovers!" and "Down with like, we want love!"

Extortion charge dropped against HGTV host

One of four charges was dropped yesterday against the co-host of an HGTV home renovation show accused of harassing and defrauding a Toronto woman after a dispute over the work done on the woman's home earlier this year.

Barrington Anthony Sayers — better known as Anthony Sayers, the "trusty contractor" on the real estate and renovation show The Unsellables — is no longer charged with extorting homeowner Doreen Boulos, who contracted Sayers' private company in early February to complete work done by a previous contractor.

Sayers is still charged with two counts of criminal harassment and one count of fraud under $5,000.

Sayers, who was arrested March 12 and released on bail, did not appear in court yesterday. His lawyer, Karen McArthur, said she is optimistic all the charges against her client will eventually be dropped.

"It's absurd for this case to be in the courts," she said.

The charges stem from incidents that occurred when Boulos tried to end her business relationship with Sayers' company, Anthony Sayers Custom Builder & Designer, and simply pay for work already completed. Police allege Sayers harassed Boulos for additional payment, causing the woman to feel unsafe in her home. They also allege he claimed he completed work for which he could not provide proof.

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▶ Barrington Anthony Sayers

Outside court McArthur said her client is being targeted because he is on TV, which makes the case "sexy."

"We live in the Charlie Sheen day and age," she said.

McArthur said police should not have issued a news release about the charges — which they do for all matter of offences — because the viral nature of social media robs her client of the presumption of innocence. She added the investigators' "rush" to lay charges is "emblematic of an under-resourced justice system."

McArthur said she has already assembled "a whack" of character references to support her case and is confident Sayers will eventually clear his name.

She refused to comment on any effect the charges have had on Sayers' business or television career.

The case is next before the courts April 7.

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Proposed school concerns students

Some Oakwood Collegiate students warn that opening a proposed Africentric high school there could rebrand it as a largely "black school" and discourage other teens from attending, reducing its cultural mix.

"Unfortunately, some people are racist and I know for a fact a friend who's Asian whose parents wouldn't send them to a school that's unofficially labelled as black," said Grade 11 student Matteo Ferrero-Wong, who is of Chinese and Italian descent.

A public meeting will be held tonight to discuss the proposal.

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Man forced into car after fight

Police say a man was forced into a car following an altercation in the Jane Street and Woolner Avenue area.

The man resisted being forced into the trunk but was forced into the back before the car drove off Sunday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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▶ Jennifer Wu

Realtor extradited on drug charges

Police say a Richmond Hill real estate agent wanted by police on drug and conspiracy charges since 2005 has been arrested in Romania and extradited to Canada.

Jennifer Wu allegedly used her position to help secure more than 55 rental properties across the GTA that were used as marijuana grow-ops. The suspect was initially arrested in 2002 after police seized 30,000 marijuana plants from various properties.

The woman — who police say was operating a daycare in Bucharest, Romania — was arrested March 11 and extradited March 25.

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Holyday wants city to pay his legal fees

The city has also spent thousands defending itself against the deputy mayor's lawsuit Not clear how much of that money will be recovered

Deputy Mayor Doug Holyday personally sued the city to challenge a controversial 2008 council decision to use taxpayer money to cover two councillors' campaign-related legal fees. He said he was willing to take a financial hit to stand up for an important principle.

He won. But now, more than a year later, he is asking council to use taxpayer money to cover most of his own legal fees.

Holyday said yesterday he had planned to pay for the lawsuit out of his own pocket until its cost ballooned far beyond the expected $40,000. The final bill was $124,180, according to a letter to councillors from his lawyer, George Rust-D'Eye.

Rust-D'Eye asked council to pay $16,000 in fees the courts have already required the city to cover, plus two-thirds of the remaining fees, for a total of $88,120. Given that Holyday brought the lawsuit in the public interest and in defence of an opinion that had been provided by the city's lawyer, Rust-D'Eye wrote, it "would be manifestly unfair" if he was "left to shoulder the burden."

Holyday, a staunch fiscal conservative, said he knows some taxpayers will be unhappy with his request — but they will save money as a result of his actions even if council reimburses him.

His legal victory, he noted, prevents council from making such improper payments in future.

And the $88,000 he seeks from the city is significantly less than the $139,000 the victory allowed to Coun. Giorgio Mammoliti and former councillor Adrian Heaps return to the public purse.

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Paying the bill

- **Fees** Holyday said he has paid about $40,000 of the fees personally. He is capable of covering the entire bill, he said, but doing so would force him to give up two years' net salary.
- **Racked up** "I was quite prepared to spend the money that I have spent," he said. "But the bill just kept getting bigger and bigger because the city kept stalling the matter even though they were told that to do that was ridiculous, that they would be 'scofflaws' ... that just racked up my expenses, which is what they knew they were doing."
- **Dismissal** Between the original court decision in July and the dismissal of the city's appeal by a higher court in December, George Rust-D'Eye billed Holyday for $51,933. Holyday said he was not able to explain this figure but that Rust-D'Eye is "the top municipal lawyer in the country."

RENE JOHNSTON /TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

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Regular medicinal pot use slows cognition: Study

KEVIN FRAYER/THE CANADIAN PRESS

▶ A man smokes a joint in Toronto.

Multiple sclerosis patients who regularly smoke pot to relieve pain and spastic muscles could be putting their brain function in peril, say researchers, who found that marijuana can further reduce cognitive abilities often already impaired by the disease.

In a study in this week's issue of the journal Neurology, researchers found that MS patients who had engaged in long-term pot smoking were twice as likely as non-weed users to have diminished cognitive abilities overall.

"Prolonged inhaled or ingested (street) cannabis use is shown to significantly worsen one's attention span, speed of thinking and processing information, working memory, executive functions and visuospatial skills," said lead investigator Dr. Anthony Feinstein, a neuropsychiatrist at Sunnybrook Health Sciences Centre in Toronto.

"Given that about 40 to 60 per cent of MS patients have problems with cognitive function to begin with, any drug that may add to this burden is cause for concern."

The study involved two groups of MS patients — 25 cannabis users and 25 non-users — aged 18 to 65. The average duration of marijuana use was 26 years. Both groups underwent various cognitive skills testing, including neuropsychological exams and interviews, and psychiatric assessments for anxiety and depression.

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Brain function

- **Mood** Dr. Anthony Feinstein said it's not known how marijuana affects the brain, but scientists hypothesize that the mood-mellowing drug impairs cerebral function in selective ways, retarding patients' ability to think quickly and accurately, and to problem-solve.

On the web

- **YouTube** Dexter Howe's Round 3 video can be viewed at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rdksq2Ewddl
- **Tweets** You can follow Dexter on Twitter http://twitter.com/DHoweiswinning

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Local man wants to intern for Charlie Sheen

"I want my life to be awesome, and this is how?"

That was the first line of Dexter Howe's Twitter submission into the Charlie Sheen internship contest.

To his surprise, the 22-year-old Torontonian finds himself in the thick of the competition, having survived the first two rounds, which included more than 75,000 entries, to become one of the top 250 still in consideration.

"I think it's pretty cool," Howe said, adding he likes his chances going forward. "I think I rank pretty well."

The Charlie Sheen internship — TeamSheen — will focus on creating a social media strategy built on the actor's incredible Twitter success.

The internship calls for a social media savvy individual who is self-motivated with "tiger blood and a warlock's mentality." Howe said if he can gain the support of Toronto it will go a long way towards proving he is that kind of person.

"I'm trying to gather support and show that I have a following," Howe said. "I'm trying to be as proactive and set up a brand for myself."

Howe said he has watched many of Sheen's movies and a job on TeamSheen would be a tremendous accomplishment.

"It's more amazing than I deserve," Howe said, "but I'm still going to try."

Having advanced this far, it's kind of hard to argue that the Sheen internship hopeful isn't already "Winning!"

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WINNIPEG

Lawyer pleads guilty to misconduct

Winnipeg lawyer Jack King said he was sorry for pressuring a client eight years ago to have sex with King's wife, now a judge, as he pleaded guilty yesterday to professional misconduct.

But he directed most of the apology at his wife, Queen's Bench Justice Lori Douglas, who is being investigated by the Canadian Judicial Council over the incident and is no longer hearing cases.

"My behaviour was disgraceful," he said at a hearing in the large meeting room of the Law Society of Manitoba, which was filled with reporters as well as the complainant and former client, Alexander Chapman, and members of his family.

He posted naked photographs of her on a website and gave some to Chapman. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Files tell of plans to kill, court hears

Deleted files found on accused murderer Mark Twitchell's computer recount a brutal plan to lure middle-aged men to a suburban Edmonton garage, kill them with a hunting knife and dump their remains in a sewer.

The text's details, read yesterday to jurors at Twitchell's first-degree murder trial, eerily mirror the death of Johnny Altinger, who disappeared Oct. 10, 2008. His charred and dismembered remains were found in a storm drain two years later.

Twitchell is accused of killing Altinger in a crime the Crown contends follows the plot of a movie entitled House Of Cards that Twitchell shot shortly before Altinger disappeared.

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Proposed law cracks down on marriage fraud

Government's new rules say immigrants who come to be with their partner must stay with them at least 2 years

▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper plays table tennis during a campaign stop yesterday in Colwood, B.C.

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The Harper government has quietly proposed that people coming to Canada to join their partner must stay in the relationship for two years or more before being formally granted permanent residence.

Under the proposal, a partner from abroad who has been in a relationship with the Canadian sponsor for less than two years would be granted only "conditional permanent residence."

The newcomer would then have to remain in a bona fide relationship with their sponsor for two years or more following arrival — or risk having their permanent resident status revoked.

The director of a Toronto legal clinic for the Asian community says the move would be a disaster for women in abusive relationships.

The notice says that given concerns about violent relationships, "a process for allowing bona fide spouses and partners in such situations to come forward without facing enforcement action" would be developed.

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Seeing red over 'wildly inflated' eco-fee bill

Bill for program includes $8 million to $10 million in startup costs Plus $8.6 million paid to municipalities

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John Wilkinson

The $18.6-million bill sent to taxpayers by Stewardship Ontario for last summer's scrapped eco-fee program is "wildly inflated," says Environment Minister John Wilkinson.

A dispute over how much to reimburse the arm's-length agency arose when Wilkinson said the number was "completely wrong" and will not be paid in the wake of the bungled program that put a new round of "eco fees" on 9,000 potentially toxic household items last July 1.

"People expect us to steward the taxpayers' money," he added, saying the amount paid will depend on an audit now underway.

Opposition parties quickly jumped on the invoice from Stewardship Ontario, saying it is more proof the Liberal government — hoping to present itself as a prudent manager of the public purse in today's pre-election budget — has not shed its free-spending ways.

"This shows what a mess this whole eco-tax grab was," Progressive Conservative Leader Tim Hudak said of the program, which was cancelled after three weeks of public outcry last July.

"It was very underhanded when they tried to sneak it in on Canada Day after the HST and now we find out they want to go to taxpayers for $18 million to try to get out of it."

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Apartment. Blast

Firefighters and investigators begin their investigation yesterday at the scene of a three-storey apartment building fire in Woodstock.

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Blaze injures seven, two missing

Two people remain missing as investigators combe through the rubble of a Woodstock apartment building destroyed in an fiery explosion over the weekend. Police said forensic identification officers were on the scene. Heavy equipment was also brought in to help with the search.

$1.5B Budget is expected to outline $1.5 billion in savings over three years, setting stage for provincial election.

Education a priority

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SECURITY

British police prepare for royal wedding

Scotland Yard is bracing for all types of security threats to the royal wedding — threats that range from terrorists and anarchists to anti-monarchists and other protesters.

The declaration yesterday came after rogue groups disrupted a peaceful demonstration Saturday against Britain's harshest spending cuts since the Second World War. About 250,000 protesters flooded London, but small groups broke away, hurling ammonia-filled light bulbs, paint and wooden planks at officers and smashing windows near Trafalgar Square.

More than 200 people were arrested. Similar groups attacked a car carrying Prince Charles and his wife, Camilla, during student protests in December.

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4 die from swine flu in Mexico

Authorities in northern Mexico have confirmed four people died of swine flu in the border state of Chihuahua.

Chihuahua state Gov. Cesar Duarte said six other people have been infected with the H1N1 virus.

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Liz Taylor's love letters set for auction

A gushing missive in which 17-year-old Elizabeth Taylor tells her first fiancé that she'll "never love anyone else — period" is among more than 60 of her unpublished love letters being put up for auction in New Hampshire.

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Blast at factory kills at least 78 in Yemen

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▶ Yemeni anti-government protesters chant slogans in the capital Sanaa yesterday against President Ali Abdullah Saleh during a demonstration calling for an end to his 32-year rule.

Massive protests across the country diminish state control this month

Yemen's chaos deepened yesterday when people looting a munitions factory set off an accidental explosion that killed at least 78 in an area torn from government control by Islamist militants exploiting the president's rapidly dwindling power.

The militant seizure of the factory and nearby towns amplified Western fears that the fragile Yemeni state could deteriorate quickly because of President Ali Abdullah Saleh's standoff with an opposition coalition of youth groups, military defectors, clerics and tribal leaders calling for his ouster.

Saleh has co-operated closely with the U.S. in the battle against Yemen's branch of al-Qaida, which has used areas of Yemen long out of state control to launch attacks including the attempt to bomb a Detroit-bound airliner with a bomb sewn into underwear.

Saleh has also battled regional rebellions in the north and south.

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- **Residents** told the Al-Jazeera satellite network that someone dropped a lit cigarette next to the remaining explosives, setting off a massive blast that could be heard 15 kilometres away.
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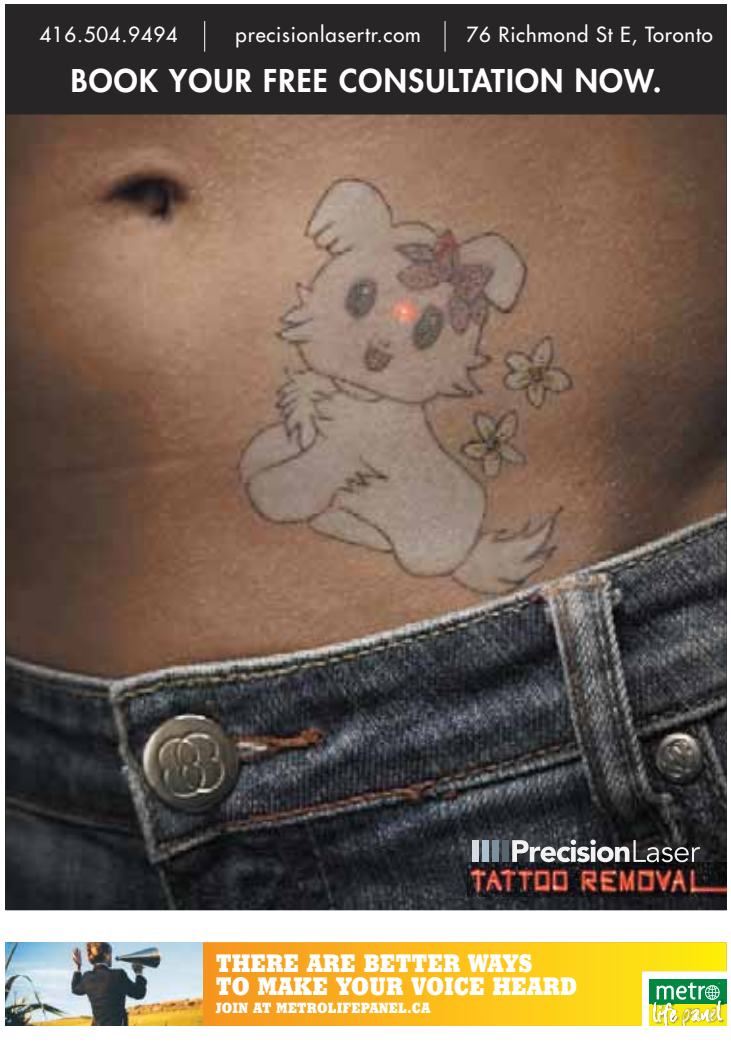
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CONTAMINATION

Parts of Japanese nuclear plant have been reconnected to power grid But radioactive water must be pumped out before electricity can be restored to cooling system

Workers discovered new pools of radioactive water leaking from Japan's crippled nuclear complex, officials said yesterday, as emergency crews struggled to pump out hundreds of tons of contaminated water and bring the plant back under control.

Officials believe the contaminated water has sent radioactivity levels soaring at the coastal complex and caused more radiation to seep into soil and seawater.

Crews also found traces of plutonium in the soil outside of the complex yesterday, but officials insisted there was no threat to public health. Plutonium — a key ingredient in nuclear weapons — is present in the fuel at the complex, which has been leaking radiation for more than two weeks, so experts had expected some to be found once crews began searching for evidence of it this week.

"Battling the contamination so workers can work there is going to be an ongoing problem."
GARY WAS, NUCLEAR ENGINEERING PROFESSOR, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

Tokyo Electric Power Co. official Jun Tsuruoka said only two of the plutonium samples taken yesterday were from the leaking reactors. The other three were from earlier nuclear tests. Years of weapons testing in the atmosphere left trace amounts of plutonium in many places around the world.

The Fukushima Dai-ichi power plant, 220 kilometres northeast of Tokyo, was crippled March 11 when a tsunami spawned by a powerful earthquake slammed into Japan's northeastern coast. The huge wave engulfed much of the complex, and destroyed the crucial power systems needed to cool the complex's nuclear fuel rods.

Since then, three of the complex's six units are believed to have partially melted down, and crews have struggled with everything from malfunctioning pumps to dangerous spikes in radiation.

Confusion at the plant has intensified fears that the nuclear crisis will last weeks, months or years amid alarms over radiation making its way into produce, raw milk and even tap water as far away as Tokyo. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Crisis prompts nuclear safety meeting

The UN nuclear chief says he is convening a high-level conference to examine safety procedures at nuclear plants worldwide in the wake of the Japan disaster.

Yukiya Amano said his International Atomic Energy Agency will hold the meeting possibly in late June.

Amano said the meeting will focus on assessments of the Fukushima Dai-ichi disaster, lessons that need to be learned and ways of strengthening the international response to such accidents. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NURSING A MAN COLD BACK TO HEALTH

She says ...

JESSICA NAPIER

I rarely get sick. After 25 years of riding public transit and drinking tap water I've developed a pretty resilient immune system.

Even if I do catch a cold you won't hear about it; I'll drag myself to the pharmacy, stock up on a cocktail of sinus medications and get on with my life.

Men, on the other hand, have a much harder time taking sickness in stride. While there is no biological evidence to suggest that a man's stuffy-nose threshold is significantly lower than a woman's, a standard cold or flu turns even the toughest of tough guys into a whining, snivelling baby.

It seems the XY chromosome-inclined don't just suffer from a little case of the sniffles, they tend to contract something much more deadly — a Man Cold.

The symptoms may present themselves as a common cold, but any dude ailing from a Man Cold would have you believe that he is on the brink of death.

"He will try to convince you that he is, in fact, suffering from any number of illnesses (extinct or otherwise) ..."

It doesn't matter if he bench-presses 300 pounds and can unscrew the tightest of jar lids — as soon as the Man Cold strikes he will become a whimpering ball of neediness and snot. He will try to convince you that he is, in fact, suffering from any number of illnesses (extinct or otherwise) ranging from H1N1 to the bubonic plague.

If you are unlucky enough to live with a husband, boyfriend or roommate struck down by a Man Cold you must prepare to take on a Florence Nightingale-like approach to caregiving.

You will be guilted into cancelling all of your plans in order to rush home and tend to your pyjama-clad patient — meeting his numerous demands for more tea, tissues and blankets. You must sit with him on the couch and spoon-feed him chicken noodle soup while watching mindless sitcoms and touching his forehead every 10 minutes to assure him that he does not have a fever.

Whenever you do leave the house you will be met with a chorus of desperate whimpering, "Where are you going ... when are you coming back ... can you pick up some more orange juice — not the cheap kind but the fresh stuff with all the pulp?"

And when you start to feel a little under the weather — as you inevitably will after days of non-stop doting — don't even bother telling him. If you try to play a game of "I'm more sick than you" one-upmanship with a Man Cold sufferer you will always lose.

Read more of Jessica Napier's columns at metronews.ca/shesays

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Robosexuals invade Regina

Worth mentioning

Canadian politics, notoriously devoid of sex scandals, is suddenly abuzz with rumours about amorous robots.

The chatter began with a Global News camera editor who made an eyebrow-raising discovery upon wandering into a Regina hotel while covering Jack Layton's campaign.

When Jamie Butler opened the door to his room in the Hotel Saskatchewan, he saw towels on the floor and items strewn around the room. Things got stranger from there. Sitting on the desk was something that looked like a suit of armour.

A couple of tinfoil limbs lay near the main part of the costume.

And on the back Butler saw a sign that featured a rainbow, two brightly coloured drawings of robots, and the slogan: "Robosexuals."

He snapped a few photos, went to see the manager, and was upgraded to one of the fanciest suites in the hotel.

He said the hotel manager was sympathetic when informed that traces of robo-romance were lying around one of his elegant guest suites.

The manager quizzed his guest about whether one of his colleagues on the NDP bus might have been playing a trick, but apparently that was quickly ruled out.

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Robo-romance

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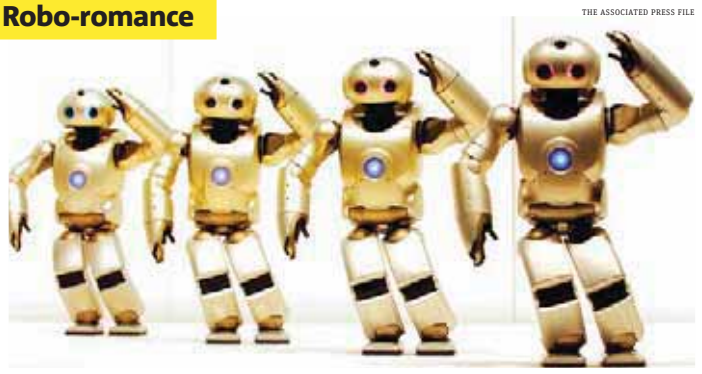

Which of the four seasons do you most anticipate?

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Metro Minute with Japan fundraiser

There's a tendency for many of us to stop thinking about a national calamity once the media coverage tapers off, but that's often when its victims need the most help. Although the Japanese have handled the earthquake aftermath with awe-inspiring efficiency and grace, there are millions still affected by the disaster. If you would still like to help and you are looking for ways to get involved, MuchMusic VJ Sarah Taylor will host a fundraiser tomorrow night at Revival Bar (783 College St.) in support of Plan Canada's relief efforts. Eternal Sunrise: A Benefit For Japan will feature performances by Jully Black, sets from DJs Brendan Canning, DJ Shine, Dubmatix, along with a raffle and silent auction. JORDANA DIVON

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▶ Jully Black will perform at tomorrow's fundraiser for Japan's tsunami and earthquake victims. Doors open at 8 p.m. Visit the event's Facebook page for more info.

Innovation key to future: RBC head

The next 10 years can 'belong' to Canada But governments must balance budgets and businesses must invest in research, new ventures

Lagging behind

- Over the past 30 years, the productivity gap between Canada and the United States has more than tripled, says Gordon Nixon, president and CEO of the Royal Bank of Canada.
- In 2010, Canada's productivity — roughly speaking, gross domestic product divided by hours worked — grew by 1.4 per cent. In the U.S., it grew by 3.8 per cent.
- Some of the cornerstones of boosting productivity are education, training and investment in research and development, science, technology, new businesses and new equipment.

Canada could enjoy a "breakaway decade" of economic growth if businesses invest more to improve productivity, the head of Canada's largest financial institution said yesterday.

Gordon Nixon of the Royal Bank of Canada told the Canadian Club in Montreal that Canada has the potential to outperform the developed world in terms of economic growth and social leadership.

"Our economy has been resilient, the housing market is up, past federal surpluses have provided flexibility, the banking system is stable and corporate tax rates are low," he said.

But Nixon said Canada's promise will be realized only if several key shortcomings are surmounted.

They include reducing provincial and federal deficits, opening the doors to more immigrants and tackling low productivity.

In particular, he challenged businesses to spend more on innovation.

"Innovation-fuelled productivity is the lever we can pull to increase the economic pie we all share and, in doing so, improve our standard of living and gain competitive clout in the global marketplace."

Governments have helped by cutting regulatory and tax burdens, but Nixon says they must work aggressively to balance budgets.

Canada should gain a competitive advantage as other countries are forced to boost taxes and cut spending.

"Canada today is an attractive place to live, work and build successful businesses. And with continued fiscal responsibility, we should be able to avoid the current plight of many countries that will be forced to undergo painful restructurings to address their systemic failures," he said.

"It's our turn as business leaders to say thanks to the government for the tax reform, and now we are going to use it to invest and make innovation part of our agenda."

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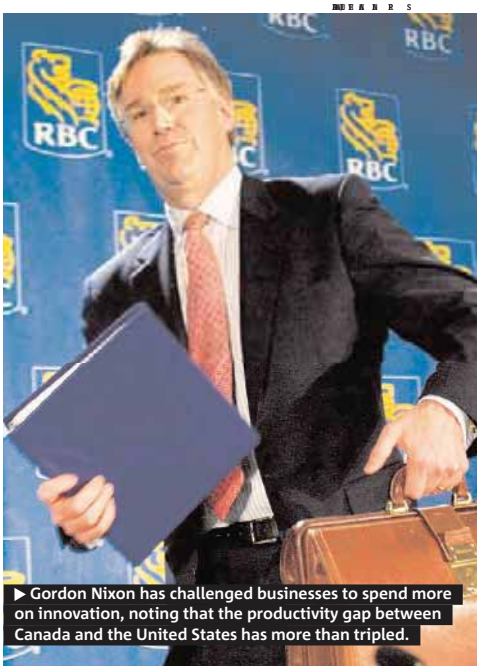

▶ Gordon Nixon has challenged businesses to spend more on innovation, noting that the productivity gap between Canada and the United States has more than tripled.

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Beatles pirate beats a retreat

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▶ More than 73 million viewers tuned in Feb. 9, 1964, to watch The Beatles perform on The Ed Sullivan Show.

A website that sold Beatles songs online for 25 cents apiece before they became legally available has agreed to pay record companies nearly $1 million US to settle a federal lawsuit.

The suit against BlueBeat.com by EMI Group PLC, Capitol Records and Virgin Records America argued that the site violated copyright and presented unfair competition.

BlueBeat streamed and sold music by the Fab Four and other acts for several days before music companies sued to shut it down in November 2009. By then, the site had already distributed more than 67,000 Beatles songs.

The posting of Beatles songs came shortly after the release of the group's remastered albums. A year later, Apple Inc. announced that it was selling Beatles music on its popular music service, iTunes. Within the first week, more than two million Beatles songs were purchased online for $1.29 apiece and 450,000 albums were sold.

BlueBeat had denied wrongdoing, claiming owner Hank Risan had pioneered a method called "psycho-acoustic simulation" that produced unique versions of copyrighted music. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Colour. Bind

▶ New vehicles damaged by the March 11 tsunami sit in a Toyota parking lot in Sendai, Japan. Disruptions in the Japanese auto industry are having a ripple effect on economies around the world.

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Don't paint it black

Many U.S. auto buyers will have limited colour choices for at least one month as crews try to fix a factory damaged by the earthquake in Japan. The plant run by German chemical company Merck KGaA is the only source of a shiny pigment used in many car paints. Company spokeswoman Phyllis Carter says production won't resume for four to eight weeks, depending on the availability of infrastructure and utilities. She said repairs also depend on what happens at the damaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant about 50 kilometres from the factory. Meanwhile, Ford has told dealers to stop ordering its F-150 pickup in "tuxedo black." Chrysler told dealers it, too, was restricting colour orders.

Strong Mideast economies good for Israel: Peres

Reuters

Peres expressed hope yesterday that popular revolutions in the Middle East could improve relations between his country and its Arab neighbours, if they end up becoming more democratic and prosperous.

Changes in government would need to be accompanied by greater economic freedom and development, he said, as poverty and oppression in the region has fed resentment against Israel.

"We hope the better our neighbours will have it, we shall have better neighbours," Peres told reporters in Geneva after a meeting with Swiss President Micheline Calmy-Rey.

Israel was watching protests in Syria closely. "Clearly this changes the status quo in Syria," Peres said, without elaborating.

A weeklong series of anti-government demonstrations has rocked Syria, considered one of Israel's biggest enemies in the region. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

HMV to stay the course

HMV Canada insists it is business as usual despite reports that British parent HMV Group might sell off the Canadian stores. HMV Canada president Nick Williams said yesterday the division is moving forward with expansion plans and a new business model. HMV Group has tried to survive slumping sales by offering a wider range of products, including a bigger selection of DVDs, video games and cellphones. But analysts say its 125 Canadian stores do little better than break even. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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2 scene

Farmiga knows how to soldier on

Source Code actress talks about emotions and being a good soldier, and how to act when looking straight at the camera

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Vera Farmiga has had some pretty formidable on-screen partners, including Leonardo DiCaprio in The Departed and George Clooney in Up in the Air. But in her latest, Source Code, she spends most of the film speaking into a small camera as she guides Jake Gyllenhaal on a mind-bending mission to discover the culprit behind a commuter train bombing. She sat down with Metro to talk about working with the camera, what makes a good soldier and the importance — or lack thereof — in a character's gender.

Are you a fan of science fiction?

I grew up watching Battlestar Galactica and The Jetsons and Star Trek. But not so much lately, just because I don't often find the characters compelling or relatable. And to me this role is everything I steer clear of as an actress.

How do you mean?

It's pretty expositional. It's a maddening kind of dialogue for most actors to do. And for me, talking to (director) Duncan (Jones) about the role, to me what then came alive about the role was not so much what is obvious on the written page but what kind of happens in that real estate between the lines. She's a soldier, and she operates like any good soldier does from the start, but the more she gets emotionally involved, the more she operates from her heart — which does not always the best soldier make. There's not room for emotions or getting personal. And I think that's what her job is. She's his navigation device. She takes him by the collar and brings him back on track whenever he veers off.

Did you have trouble playing straight into the camera?

It's a strange technique. Jonathan Demme had asked me at one point during Manchurian Candidate to look straight at it, and it was a sincerely difficult thing to do. Because you're acting with machinery. You don't have anything immediate to react to. Sometimes it's just the twinkle of an eye that gives you an entirely different reaction. Or a twitch or a blink that's a tell of some sort.

It's been mentioned that in earlier drafts of the script, your character was a man.

That doesn't surprise me. It's funny, I was just offered a role in a very big movie, also playing another military personality, and they didn't even have the decency to run it through (screenwriting software) Final Draft and change the gender.

▶ Vera Farmiga stars in Source Code, which opens on Friday.

Scene in brief

Bret Michaels sued CBS Broadcasting and the organizers of the Tony Awards on Friday over a 2009 mishap that resulted in him being hit in the head by a set piece, claiming the accident contributed to a brain hemorrhage that nearly killed him. The Poison frontman's lawsuit claims he continues to deal with effects from the injury and brain bleeding that left him hospitalized last year.

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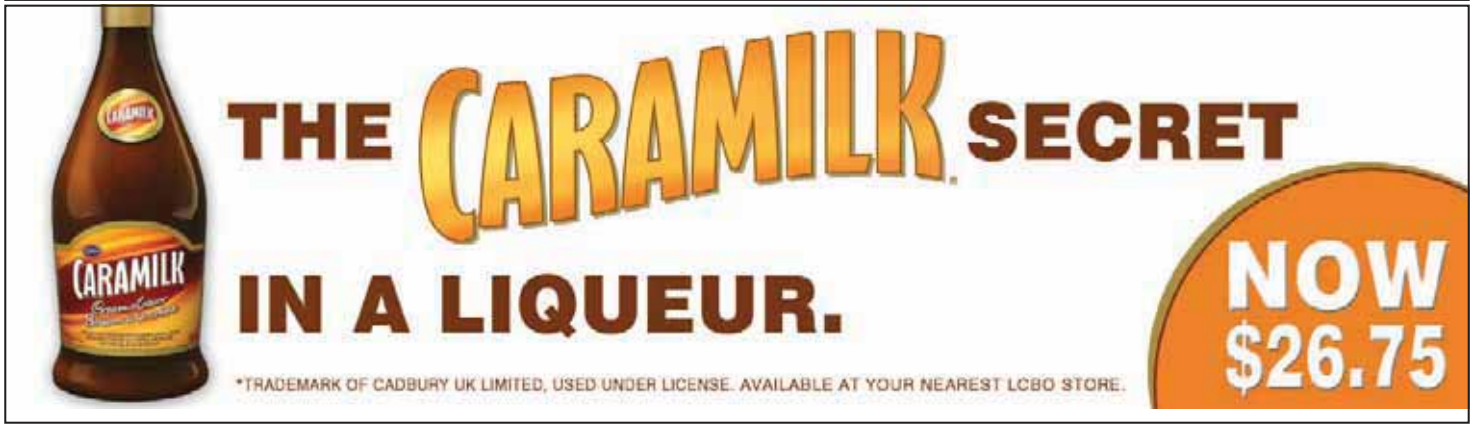
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Finding your dream home

Smart steps to finding your first home Preparation is key

Buying a home is one of the biggest financial and emotional decisions you'll ever make. If you're looking to buy a residential property in the Greater Toronto Area, it's important not to be daunted by what is unquestionably a tougher market than many other parts of the country.

"Tens of thousands of first-time homebuyers buy properties in Toronto every year," says Bill Johnston, the president of the Toronto Real Estate Board. "Preparation is the key to success in any activity, including buying a house."

Johnston offers the following step-by-step guide to getting started:

Step 1: Make sure you have your financing in order, including a minimum five per cent down payment. "You don't want people to set their hopes too high on a certain type of property if they can't afford it," says Johnston.

Step 2: Find a reputable realtor you like and trust—then deal only with that agent. "A realtor will be more devoted to a buyer who is loyal and not working with multiple realtors," says Johnston.

Step 3: Define your search parameters. That means you'll have to decide whether you want to live in a house, townhouse or condo; the city or the suburbs; and which neighbourhood in what area. "Your realtor will probe you for more information about your wants and needs to help isolate what you're looking for," says Johnston.

Step 4: Start viewing properties. "I know people have to work," says Johnston, "but try not to restrict the hours you're available to see homes because they can sell quickly." Dropping in on open houses can help you define your preferences. You can find them posted on most realtors' websites, or drive around favourite neighbourhoods to look for open-house signs.

With these steps in place, you'll be on your way to finding your first home sweet home, but Johnston offers this final caution: "The process of buying a house is an inexact science, so you have to be patient."

You're buying your first home - bet you're excited and a little apprehensive! Deciding how much you can afford to spend is just the start.

Do you want to live in the city or the suburbs? Do you favour a condominium, townhouse, semi- or detached home?

Is being close to public transit important? How do you choose an agent who will work hard for you?

We've partnered with RBC to offer this special mini-Metro, with answers to your questions - and lots of tips for making your first home purchase the positive experience you want it to be.

HOW TO LOOK

- **Word of mouth.** Tell everyone you know that you're looking for a new home. Someone might have heard of a property that has just become available on the market.
- **Newspapers and real estate magazines.** Peruse the new homes section in daily newspapers and look for free real estate magazines on newsstands and at convenience stores.
- **The Internet.** Check out real estate websites such as www.realtor.ca, which post details and photos of a wide range of properties.
- **For Sale signs.** Drive, bike or walk around a neighbourhood you like to spot For Sale signs. It's a good way to find homes that are being sold by an owner rather than an agent.

– Jane Doucet

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The real goods

A reputable realtor can help make your first-time homebuying dreams come true.

Let's face it—we're living in the age of DIY. With entire television networks dedicated to guiding homeowners through the minefields of home improvement, "flipping" and buying and selling real estate, everybody has an inner realtor screaming to get out.

Before you give in to the DIY call, consider the reasons for putting your first-time-homebuying needs in the hands of a qualified professional. Using a realtor may actually be faster, easier and more economical than attempting to buy a home by yourself.

Avoid the trap of using the realtor who is selling the home you're interested in buying. You need your own realtor working for you. All realtors in Ontario have a responsibility to represent the seller, not the buyer, and if they are working for the homeowner they may not always put your interests first. You don't need your realtor playing down a leaky roof, or the fact that a busy gas station is about to begin construction next door.

Ask about the realtor's experience. Has she helped clients find homes in the neighbourhood you want to buy in? Choosing a realtor who primarily works in Etobicoke might not be the smartest choice if you are looking for a townhouse in Riverdale. The right realtor should be familiar with the neighbourhood you want to live in and should have a good track record of dealing with homes in your style and price range.

Choosing a realtor who is a member of a listing services board, such as the Toronto Real Estate Board, is also a good idea. The Toronto Real Estate Board Multiple Listing Service "provides an ongoing inventory of available properties and other related information," states the TREB website. "With training, experience and access to this database, a realtor can provide invaluable assistance in buying or selling your next resale home."

Other communities in the Toronto area, including Brampton, Durham, Mississauga and Orangeville, have their own real estate boards. Only realtors in Ontario who belong to a real estate board have full access to the Multiple Listing Service (MLS). The MLS contains detailed information and numerous search tools, all designed to match people with properties that fit their requirements.

The bottom line? Find a realtor who will work hard for you, and stick with him or her throughout the entire process.

– Tom Mason

WHAT TO ASK

- **What is your experience? Reputable realtors should be able to tell you how many houses they've sold in the past, how many buyers they've worked with and how long they've been in business.**
- **What professional groups do you belong to? Organizations such as the Toronto Real Estate Board require certain standards and ethical practices from their members.**
- **Do you work mostly with buyers or sellers? If a realtor prefers to work with people selling properties he or she may be more interested in selling you one of their listed properties. There are realtors who specialize in working with buyers. Look for one.**

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Expert advice on buying your first home.

There's a lot to think about when shopping for a house or condo. Take the worry out of first-home financing with this quick guide.

Know what's affordable

Buying your first home is a big step — and an exciting one! Before you start shopping, however, you need to know how much you can afford. In addition to the costs of buying your home, you need to factor in all the ongoing costs of living there, such as property taxes, condo fees, utilities and so on.

Online research is a good place to start. You'll find many tools and calculators to help you plan your budget. Try the "How Much Home Can I Afford" tool at **www.rbcroyalbank.com/mortgageaffordability**. Just enter your information, and the tool does the math for you.

Even if you're in the first stages of the home-buying process, it's not too early to talk to an RBC® mortgage specialist. These experts are here to help you navigate your way into a new home that you love — and can afford. For example, they can help you with a mortgage pre-approval.

Get pre-approved

A pre-approved mortgage means that a lender has reviewed your earnings, assets, liabilities and proposed housing costs to determine the amount of money you should be able to borrow.

At this stage, your credit history will be reviewed. If it's not ideal, an RBC mortgage specialist will work with you and present options and advice about how to improve your credit rating.

Getting pre-approved is smart because it helps you streamline your search to the price range you can afford, and it gives you more negotiating power when you see a home you like. In addition, the interest rate quoted on your pre-approval is usually locked in for 90 days, so you're protected if interest rates rise while you're house hunting. At RBC Royal Bank®, pre-approval rates are locked in for up to 120 days.[1]

Don't forget about closing costs

In addition to having a sufficient down payment, you'll need to ensure you have enough savings to cover the additional expenses to complete the purchase, lawyers' or notaries' fees, land transfer tax and disbursements.

As a guideline, expect closing costs to be about 2% to 2.5% of the purchase price, though this can vary greatly, especially if HST applies.

You may also need to budget for extra costs such as appliances, utility hook-up, redecorating and a professional mover.

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What's your home style?

You've set aside the down payment. Now all you have to do is determine what kind of home you want. Need help? Take our quiz. *Astrid Van Den Broek*

The results of this quiz are merely a guide, so consider other options too, notes Dierdre Mullen, the Whitby, Ont.-based president of the Durham Region Association of Realtors. "Most buyers think they know what they want when they start looking, then they buy something totally different," she says. "First-time homebuyers should keep their must-haves to a minimum and have an open mind for everything else."

1. What's your life like?

a) I work long hours, but I also like to entertain friends
b) I'm a homebody, so when I'm home, I putter
c) Busy. I work, and I'm getting ready for our first child

2. What kind of neighbourhood do you prefer?

a) Bustling. I want to walk to restaurants, bars and a gym
b) I don't want to be far from city life, but I want a park nearby to walk our English bulldog
c) Quiet. I'm sick of hearing traffic and sirens!

3. How do you get to work?

a) Pop in my iPod and walk or take the streetcar
b) Sometimes I bike, sometimes I drive when the weather's bad
c) Always by car

4. How important is it to have a parking space?

a) I don't have a car
b) I'm thinking about getting a car
c) I need somewhere to put my vehicle

5. What sort of outdoor space do you prefer?

a) Don't really care. I'm no green thumb
b) Something small—a backyard or park nearby, preferably
c) A fenced backyard is key

6. How many bedrooms do you want?

a) Two (one for me, another for guests)
b) Three (I need a home office)
c) More than three

7. How many bathrooms would you like?

a) Two
b) One on each floor
c) I'm dreaming of an en suite!

8. How handy are you?

a) Forget it—I outsource!
b) I'm Bob the Builder
c) I'm fairly handy, but I don't want a fixer-upper

Mostly As: Start looking at condos—you'll be close to amenities, have little to no maintenance and an intimate place to entertain.

Mostly Bs: You don't want to be in the heart of city life, so a townhouse on the outskirts is right for you and your bulldog.

Mostly Cs: Head to the suburbs—they're quieter than the city and have more space, and offer more home for less investment.

CITY vs. SUBURBS

For more than half a century, Toronto has been growing like most North American cities—from the outside in. As families chose to make their homes in the suburbs and commute downtown to work, play and shop, the outskirts of the city burgeoned while downtown developed largely as a place of business.

But lately that trend is starting to reverse, as a new wave of empty nesters and young urban professionals rediscover the downtown core as a place to live as well as to work.

Karen Tutty-Smith and her husband, Donald Smith, are typical of the first demographic. The professional couple bought their first home in Etobicoke in 1989, shortly after moving to the city from their native Nova Scotia; they've traded up a couple of times since then.

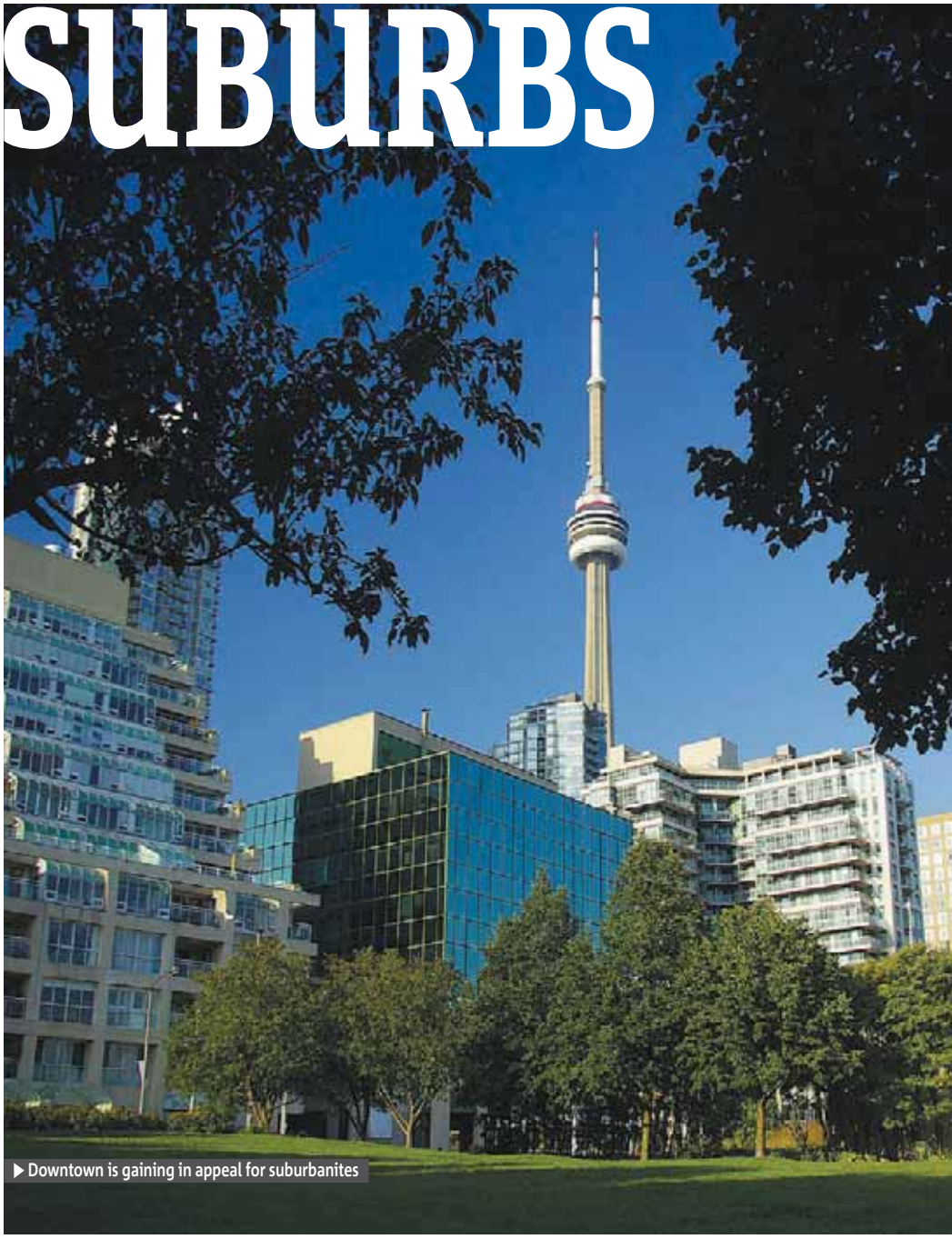
Today they live in a quiet neighbourhood in Markland Wood, Etobicoke. Donald commutes to his job downtown every day via bus and subway, while Karen usually drives to work. "We love living here," says Karen. "There's a real sense of community, and everything's nearby—school, church, shopping. It's like living in a small town right in the city."

Despite the perks of suburbia, Karen and Donald and others like them have been hearing the siren call of downtown living more and more in recent years. The vibrancy of downtown is infectious; it's a place where people can forgo the hassles of car ownership and be in the middle the action. Downtown living means low carbon footprints, negligible commute times and access to everything—a fine balance between simplicity and a vibrant lifestyle.

Karen and Donald are contemplating trading the suburbs for a condominium in the Lakeshore area, or Bloor West Village, after their youngest daughter moves out.

"Downtown seems like the perfect place to live once we've become empty nesters," says Karen. "Everything we like to do is there—theatre, sports, restaurants, parks, Centre Island. It would be fun to live close to everything."

– Tom Mason



▶ Downtown is gaining in appeal for suburbanites

TOP TEN TIPS

First-time homebuyers should follow these strategies to ensure a smooth ride to their new home.

1. Are you financially stable? Have you been working in the same industry for at least one year? Or have you been self-employed for more than two years? That's what lenders look at. They also consider the amount of your down payment.

2. Meet with a mortgage professional to get pre-approved.

3. When you know what you can afford, figure out where you want to live. Is being on the subway line important? How about near restaurants, nightclubs, a gym, parks, cultural amenities and friends and family?

4. Learn the lingo of the housing industry. Bone up on mortgage and real estate terminology. Know what a blended payment is, as well as a fixed mortgage versus variable. Learn the characteristics of a stacked townhouse, a semi-detached house and a duplex.

5. Find a reputable realtor. Ask a friend or relative for a referral or contact an agent who specializes in the neighbourhood you want to live in.

6. Research the area you're considering. Look for schools, shops and specific features nearby that appeal to you.

7. Figure out what type of property you want. An older house with ongoing maintenance-and-upkeep issues or a no-maintenance turnkey condo?

8. Be prepared—and don't be too slow to bite the bullet. In a hot market, you might run into multiple offers on a property. How will you handle that? Remember that the house may no longer be available if you wait a few days to consider your options.

9. Don't get caught up in a bidding war. Know the maximum amount you're willing to pay and stick to it. If you miss out on one house, there will be others.

10. Speak to a lawyer to find out about closing costs and property taxes. Understanding the process and its associated fees will make you a more informed buyer.

– Kelly Putter

Buyers Beware

Common mistakes in the pursuit of a dream home

Whether it's a luxury condo within easy walking distance of the downtown core, a six-bedroom mansion in the suburbs or a little hideaway on Lake Simcoe, everybody has a dream home. But making those dreams come true can be a difficult process, with many potential pitfalls along the way.

Holding out for the "perfect" home is the first mistake a lot of homebuyers make. Walking away from a home that is 95 per cent ideal simply because the master en suite is a little too small is something you may regret later.

Overbuying is another common blunder. We all know someone who is "house poor"—perhaps a couple whose social status hinges on owning a palatial home with mahogany railings, pewter fixtures and three extra bedrooms that never get used. Look for a home you can afford, and leave yourself some breathing room in case your financial situation changes post-purchase.

Eagerness can be another crucial error. Before signing any offer to purchase, make sure to include clauses for financing and home inspection. The first lets you back out of the deal if you can't get the proper mortgage financing. The second allows you to nix the deal if an inspector finds structural problems with the house.

Finally, make sure your real estate agent is working for you. Choosing an agent simply because he or she is selling a home you're interested in could be a mistake. "Toronto homebuyers should always have their own agent," says Thomas Cook on blog-torontorealestate.ca. While using the seller's agent is sometimes convenient, it is difficult for them to properly represent you and the seller.

Your homebuying dreams can come true, with plenty of patience and due diligence.

– Tom Mason

Don't forget to...

- Keep your emotions in check. Look for a home that meets your needs in a price range you can afford.
- Be prepared to make small concessions on items like layout or location, but never on crucial things like structural integrity.
- Think about resale value. A home is the biggest investment most people will ever make, and resale value is an important consideration, even if you have no plans to move in the foreseeable future.

HIDDEN COSTS

Do your homework before you start house-hunting so you won't be surprised by additional fees

OK, so you've found your dream home and your offer has been accepted. Now there's nothing to worry about except the monthly mortgage payment, right? Not so fast. There could be a few more costs that need to be covered.

Your mortgage lender is going to insist on a few things up front. No mortgage lender will advance you money for a home if that property isn't adequately insured.

Some lenders will also insist on having your property professionally appraised to determine whether it's worth the money that you, and they, are investing. And while they're at it, they may ask for a property survey to make sure the parcel of land you're buying is as large as advertised and to rule out questionable property lines or easements.

Most mortgage lenders also add a variety of fees for loan processing, document preparation, underwriting, closing and funding. The new Ontario Harmonized Sales Tax (HST) will add to the cost of many fees associated with buying a house, although HST doesn't apply directly to the price of the house itself if you're buying a resale house. To find out more on how HST is applied to new homes go to: www.rev.gov.on.ca/en/tax-change/homebuyers.html

Once the deal has been finalized and the mortgage is in place, there are more costs to consider. Condominiums and some residential-housing developments come with monthly maintenance fees. There could be hookup fees—cable, telephone, electricity, gas, even water in some cases—associated with your new home. You may be required to pay part of your property taxes up front. And when moving day rolls around, you might need to hire professional movers.

The best way to avoid expensive surprises? With homework and careful budgeting. A reputable real estate professional and mortgage specialist should be able to help you cover all the bases.

– Tom Mason

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Mulligan cosies up to Mumford

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▶ Carey Mulligan

Carey Mulligan appears to be completely smitten with Mumford and Sons singer Marcus Mumford, according to the Daily Mail. The pair has reportedly been enjoying some time off together around England.

"They've also been spending time at Marcus' London home in Shepherd's Bush," a source says.

And with Mumford heading to the U.S. to tour soon, the singer has reportedly asked the Oscar-nominated actress to come along. "He's hired a vintage train instead of a tour bus and has asked Carey to join him for the trip," the source says. "It's early days, but they seem to enjoy each other's company." METRO

Johansson takes Penn to wedding

Hollywood superstars attend Witherspoon's wedding together Huge statement confirms rumours

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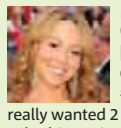
▶ Scarlett Johansson

It may have been Reese Witherspoon and Jim Toth's wedding this past weekend, but Scarlett Johansson stole the show, according to Popeater.

"Scarlett is Jim's client, but no one, including the bride, knew she would have turned up with Sean Penn," a source says. "Turning up at a wedding with your boyfriend is definitely a huge statement, especially that wedding. What it's doing is announcing to the whole of Hollywood that they are serious." METRO

Celebrity tweets



Mariah Carey [@Mariah-Carey] So #dembabies really wanted 2 celebrate w/us/share the anniversary! I started having contractions last night..went 2 the hospital

William Shatner [@William Shatner] Facebook disabled my account this weekend as an imposter acct. Now they want me to prove that it's me. Don't they know who I am?

Jason Alexander [@Jason Alexander] Next week, I will ski for the 21st time in my life. Please, dear sweet lord, let there be a 22nd.

Katy Perry [@katyperry] Dear @MTV stop plotting monsters against kittens AKA katycats! We're all EQUAL/ONE! Don't get caught in the irresponsible journalism club! METRO

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Simpson waiting on call to be an X-Factor judge

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▶ Jessica Simpson

Jessica Simpson is still holding out hope Simon Cowell will tap her to be a judge on his new U.S. version of The X-Factor, she tells WWD.

"They have definitely talked to me about X Factor," Simpson tells the website. "I think it would be a lot of fun. It's definitely my life. To be a mentor for up-and-coming artists is right up my alley." METRO

Depp signs on for Gervais show

All is apparently forgiven after Ricky Gervais' skewering of Johnny Depp and his film, The Tourist, at the Golden Globes earlier this year, as Depp has signed on to guest-star as himself in Gervais' new comedy series, Larger Than Life, according to Reuters.

Gervais himself confirmed the news on his blog, adding that a rumor about Jerry Seinfeld appearing on the show as well is not true. METRO

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Keeping you in the know and on the GO

Starting Saturday, April 2, we're making changes to some GO Bus services.

16 – HAMILTON QEW GO BUS

We're adding 19 new trips on Saturdays and 27 new trips on Sundays and holidays. There will also be time adjustments on most weekend and holiday trips including earlier departures, so be sure to check the new schedule.

19– OAKVILLE HWY. 403 GO BUS

We're adding eight new weekday trips between the Square One and Finch GO Bus Terminals.

21 – MILTON GO BUS

A new Saturday westbound trip will depart Union Station GO Bus Terminal at 6:30 p.m., serve Meadowvale GO Station, Meadowvale Town Centre, Derry & Winston Churchill, the Milton GO Station, and arrive at Main & Martin in Milton at 7:40.

A new Sunday and holiday eastbound trip will depart Meadowvale GO Station at 12:25 p.m., serve the Streetsville and Erindale GO Stations, Square One GO Bus Terminal, the Cooksville GO Station, and arrive at Union at 1:40.

31 – GEORGETOWN GO BUS

A new weekend and holiday westbound trip will depart Union Station GO Bus Terminal at 11:00 p.m., serve the Malton and Bramalea GO Stations, Steeles & Rutherford, Shopper's World, and arrive at the Brampton Bus Terminal at 11:50.

65 – BARRIE-BRADFORD GO BUS

A new weekday northbound trip will depart Union Station GO Bus Terminal at 2:55 p.m., serve the Aurora Carpool Lot at 3:32, and arrive at the Aurora GO Station at 3:40.

A new weekend and holiday northbound trip will depart Union at 6:40 p.m., serve the Aurora Carpool Lot, the Aurora GO Station, and arrive at the Newmarket GO Bus Terminal at 7:40.

The weekday northbound 4:40 p.m. trip from Newmarket to Barrie will now depart at 4:35 and times will be **5 minutes earlier** at all stops along the route. Customers travelling from Toronto to connect to this trip in Newmarket will now need to take the 3:10 trip from the Union Station GO Bus Terminal instead of the 3:30.

A new weekend and holiday northbound trip will depart Newmarket GO Terminal at 4:15 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive in Barrie at 5:25.

A new weekend and holiday southbound trip will depart Barrie Bus Terminal at 5:55 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive in Newmarket at 7:05.

81 – PORT PERRY GO BUS

The weekday southbound 7:50 a.m. trip from Port Perry will now depart at 7:40 and times will be **10 minutes earlier** at all stops along the route. This change will provide customers with a connection to the 8:31 westbound express train at Whitby GO Station to Union.

94 – OSHAWA HWY. 2 GO BUS

A new Saturday westbound trip will depart Oshawa GO Station at 6:45 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive at the Yorkdale GO Bus Terminal at 8:35.

A new Saturday eastbound bus trip will depart Yorkdale at 9:15 p.m., serve all stops, and arrive in Oshawa at 10:50.

SCHOOL SERVICE REDUCTIONS

Bus service will be reduced on some school routes due to lower ridership during the spring and summer:

- **01 – Lakeshore West GO Bus**
  Sunday and holiday trips from Aldershot to McMaster University will be suspended starting April 27.
- **25 – Waterloo GO Bus**
  Some trips will be suspended starting April 22.
- **29 – University of Guelph GO Bus**
  The weekday eastbound 1:40 and 4:10 p.m. trips from the University of Guelph will be suspended starting April 4 and the Sunday and holiday trips will be suspended starting April 27.
- **31 – Georgetown GO Bus**
  The Friday 1:50 and 5:15 p.m. eastbound trips from the University of Guelph to Brampton will be suspended starting April 22.
- **46 – Hwy. 407 West GO Bus and 52 – Hwy. 407 East GO Bus**
  Some trips will be suspended starting April 4 so be sure to check the new schedules.
- **93 – Durham College/UOIT GO Bus**
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Surgery

With cosmetic plastic surgery on the rise with men, we asked Toronto plastic surgeon Dr. Wayne Carman what typically motivates them. Turns out, men are usually oriented toward a specific purpose.

"They are more analytical than women," says Carman. "They know what they want and they've been thinking about it for some time. They have a more defined purpose than women."

CELIA MILNE

Sex, exercise can trigger heart attacks in inactive people: analysis of research

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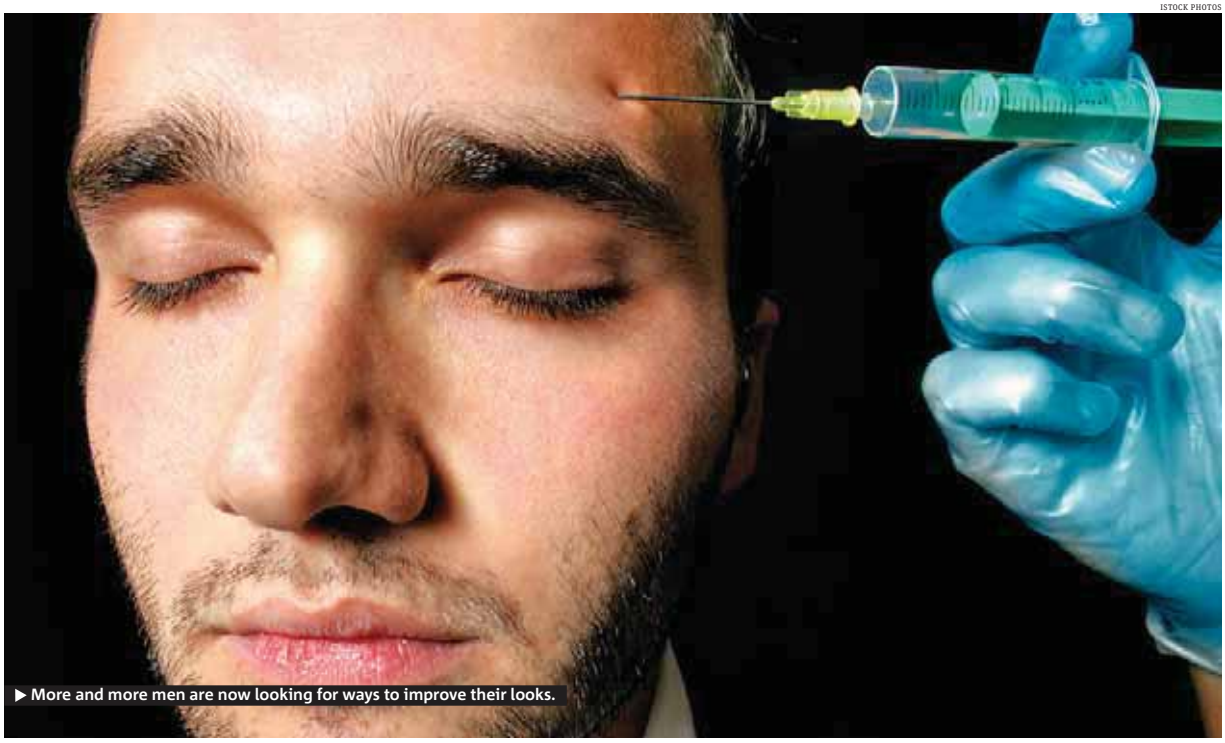

▶ More and more men are now looking for ways to improve their looks.

It's kind of a guy thing

More men going under the cosmetic knife Baby boomers embracing the traditionally female trend of getting liposuction and facelifts done

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Men are having their tummies tucked and their faces lifted like never before. Statistics recently released by the American Society of Plastic Surgeons (ASPS) show that rates of cosmetic plastic surgery are rising in men.

"It's not just a women's world," says Dr. Wayne Carman, a plastic surgeon and medical director of the Cosmetic Surgery Institute in Toronto. "More and more, men are involved in real surgery, not just microdermabrasion. Proper surgical interventions are the next step along that road after buffing and puffing."

ASPS statistics reveal that number of facelifts done on men in the U.S. has risen 14 per cent since last year, and liposuction increased by seven per cent.

While there isn't a body that collects similar Canadian statistics, the groundswell of interest here would be comparable to the U.S., says Carman. He explains what is driving the trend.

"The baby boomers are passing through the change of life stage. They have relationship issues, employment issues, self-worth issues. Men of that cohort recognize they do need to look more fit and healthy. It is a young workplace."

"More and more, men are involved in real surgery, not just microdermabrasion"
DR. WAYNE CARMAN

Plenty of men in their 50s have life circumstances that make cosmetic surgery appealing: a relationship with someone younger, spare time they never had before, and the money to pay for surgery.

"They're not trying to look like a movie star, they're just trying to look younger."

Men tend to need more down time after plastic surgery than women because they are unable to wear makeup during the recovery phase. Early retirement provides them with the time necessary.

"Perhaps they got a package; for the first time, they have three weeks off. That time window is more commonly available."

Surgeries

The American Society of Plastic Surgeons keeps track of cosmetic procedures done in the U.S.

Here are the top five surgeries in men:
1) nose reshaping
2) eyelid surgery
3) liposuction
4) breast reduction in men
5)hair transplantation

Here are the top five less-invasive procedures:
1) Botox
2) Laser hair removal
3) Microdermabrasion
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- Squinting while using your mobile may cause lines
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Laughter, stress, pollution and age are all factors that cause wrinkles but little did we know that technology was the latest addition to this list. Facialist and skin expert Nichola Joss noticed that her clients were developing a change in the way their facial muscles were behaving as a result of scrutinising the small screen of their iPhone of Blackberry.

There is a natural tendency to squint at the screen when reading messages, creating an area of tension and the development of fine lines and wrinkles around the brow.

Noted cosmetic surgeon Dr. Jean Louis Sebagh says the problem is easily rectified with a bit of light Botox. Joss, however, believes that non-invasive techniques, such as facial massages, are enough to correct this imperfection.

THE BOTOX BELIEVER DR. JEAN LOUIS SEBAGH SAYS:

"Yes, Botox will help correct fine lines in the face caused by mobile technology"

"We particularly tend to squint at the screen of hand held devices because they are small and as a result, we frown when we try to read or look at them," he says.

According to Sebagh, the lines themselves are essentially no different than classic wrinkles. Sebagh's clients coming in for this specific Botox are as young as 30.

"From a medical point of view, Botox is a safe and effective method of treating the condition as it can help delay the onset of lines and diminish the lines that do occur."

FACIALIST AND SKIN EXPERT NICHOLA JOSS SAYS:

"No, Botox will just paralyze your muscles and increase tension in the face"

"It's not something I noticed visually, I could just feel how tense the skin was. Talking to my patients, I noticed they all shared one thing in common: smartphones."

"Many people, and they are getting younger and younger, are reverting to Botox to correct so called imperfections but this will have a paralyzing effect," she continues. "If you have had Botox and are a smartphone user and texter, you will be unable to use the correct muscles and others will try compensate."

Dr. Nino Kuzmar, cosmetic physician, personally performs all injectable procedures.

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In the meantime, here are some of my favourite chemical free, all-natural beauty-boosters.

1. For brighter, cleaner teeth try Toothsoap.

This product gives a whole new meaning to washing your mouth out with soap.

After using this pure stuff you will notice a difference in how your teeth look and feel.

2. For those rough patches use Boo Boo Balm.
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3. Cover skin flawlessly with Sukicolor Tinted Active Moisturizing Foundation.
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4. For luscious lips use Lip Tints by Colorganics.
Made with organic castor oil and moisturizing organic hemp seed oil, it's a winner — both in look and feel. Use it alone for sheer colour, or layer over lipsticks for added shine or under for added moisture.

5. For everything (it seems) try Superfine Jojoba by MiniOrganics.
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You can chop the tofu after it's been fried and chop the bok choy after steaming for a more traditional stir fry if desired.

Preparation:

1. Slice tofu lengthwise into 4 slices and pat with paper towel. In shallow dish, combine flour and sesame seeds. Brush tofu with sesame oil lightly, reserving remaining and coat tofu in flour mixture on both sides.
2. In a non-stick skillet, heat vegetable oil over medium high heat and fry tofu for about 8 minutes, turning once. Remove to paper towel lined plate; set aside. Wipe out skillet.
3. Return skillet to medium heat and add reserved sesame oil. Add bok choy, ginger, garlic and chili paste and cook, stirring gently for 2 minutes. Cover and steam for about 3 minutes or until tender crisp. Uncover and remove bok choy to plate with tofu. Add water, soy sauce and rice vinegar to skillet and bring to boil. Whisk in peanut butter until smooth. Return bok choy and tofu to sauce and stir to coat in sauce. Serve sprinkled with peanuts if using.

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Ingredients:

- Half pkg (350 g) extra firm tofu
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all purpose flour
- 2 tsp (10 mL) sesame seeds
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) sesame oil
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) vegetable oil
- 3 baby bok choy
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) chopped fresh ginger
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) Asian garlic chili paste
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) water
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) rice vinegar
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▶ Bean sprouts, crushed peanuts and fresh cilantro give this simple meal a special touch.

Ingredients:

- 1 cup (250 mL) vermicelli rice noodles (medium width)
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- 1 cup (250 mL) snow peas, julienned
- 1 cup (250 mL) grated carrots
- 1 cup (250 mL) coconut milk

Garnishes (optional)

- Bean sprouts
- Crushed peanuts
- Lime wedges
- Fresh chopped cilantro

Preparation:

1. In a large bowl, cover the rice noodles with boiling water and let soak for 3 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, stir together the tuna, snow peas and carrots over high heat. Add the coconut milk.
3. Drain the noodles and toss with the tuna mixture in the pan until hot and well coated.
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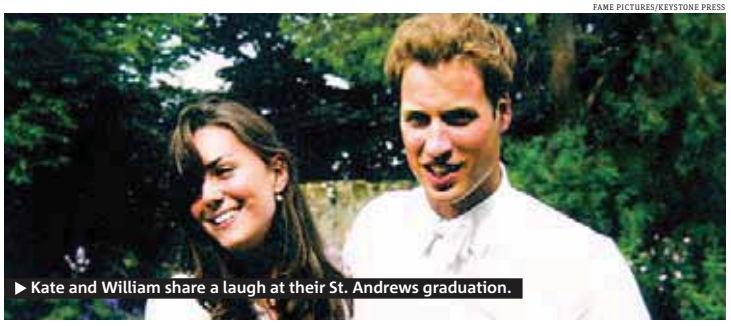

▶ Kate and William share a laugh at their St. Andrews graduation.

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Kate: I actually think I went bright red when I met (William) and sort of scuttled off, feeling very shy about meeting (him). But, um, actually William wasn't there (at St. Andrews University) for quite a bit of the time initially — he wasn't there for Freshers' Week — so it did take a bit of time for us to get to know each other, but we did become very close friends from quite early (on).

Prince William: Well, from my point of view, when I first met Kate, I knew there was something very special about her. I knew there was possibly something that I wanted to explore there. We ended up being friends for a while and that was a good foundation. Because I do generally believe now that being friends with one another is a massive advantage. And it just went from there.

Over the years, I knew things were getting better and better, and we went through a few stumbling blocks — as every relationship does — but we really picked ourselves up and carried on ... It is just really easy being with each other; it is really fun. And I'm extremely funny — and she loves that — so it's been good." (Laughing)

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Tips to boost your kids' money IQ

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Give children money and they will spend for a day, teach them about money and they will be set up for life.

A teacher's lament. Talking in class? Texting in class? Homework excuses? Nope.

Laryssa, a teacher who wrote to me last week is bemoaning how "clueless" her students are about money.

Well, I'm here to help. Easter is coming up and in addition (pun intended) to chocolate bunnies and chicks why not tuck in a game or toy that ups the kid math and money IQ?

One of the very best online sources of all things kid is mastermindtoys.com

Not only does it offer a host of items you won't find at the local big box store but there are staff recommendations, detailed descriptions, age and stage suggestions and options for eco-friendly play things.

I challenged them to come up with some ideas to engage young minds and improve the skills needed to compute and understand money.

Here's my top five list distilled from the Mastermind Toys recommendations.

1 Calculating Coin Jar ($17.95 Ages 4 to 6) What child doesn't love collecting. Add to that a coin sorter and you have a real hit. This one calculates the total as you go which is great for early math.

2 Play Currency ($18.95 Ages 4 to 7) Playing store is a favourite activity in the early years and it helps to have money!

3 Decorate You Own Piggy Bank (Ages 6+) Every child needs a piggy and it's even better when they can make it their own.

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Purging the page-turners

A tough goodbye: De-cluttering your bookshelves can be a daunting task

It's spring, and home improvements and spring cleanings are in the air.

In the name of renewal (and family peace), my husband and I repurposed our rec room into a master bedroom and let our girls, ages 12 and six, have their own rooms. In the process, we had to redistribute everyone's books. We shuffled them from room to room and set them on newly installed shelves, but we still had a lot left over.

I was forced to admit it: I had too many books.

And books can be harder to kick out than termites.

"Of all the stuff I try to get rid of as an organizer, books are the most difficult," says Leslie Josel, owner of the home organizing service Order Out of Chaos, in Larchmont, N.Y. They are not usually worth much money, and they are heavy.

My problem was, I still kind of wanted them myself. The first big hurdle of book purging: emotional attachment.

Unlike termites, my books were invited into my house or bestowed as gifts. My kids had classics inscribed to them by their grandparents. I had important, canonical works. The problem was, some of them were never liked, or even read.

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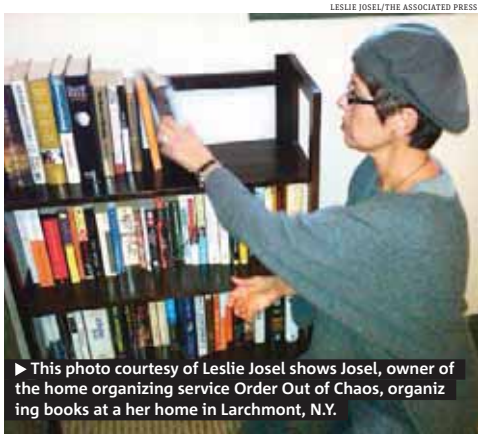

▶ This photo courtesy of Leslie Josel shows Josel, owner of the home organizing service Order Out of Chaos, organiz ing books at a her home in Larchmont, N.Y.

Years of accumulation had resulted in unwieldy towers and double-loaded shelves full of novels, parenting books and travel guides, some from trips never taken or classes 30 years past.

"The clutter in our houses becomes like another person living there — the most dysfunctional one," says Josel.

OK, dysfunctional family member, time to stop taking up space.

I started with the children's books. Those below the youngest child's reading level could, except for a few sentimental favourites, be weeded out. Books that my older kids had enjoyed could be saved at the top of a closet for the youngest.

That was a warmup exercise. On to the adult section.

Books in foreign languages last studied in high school: out. Gifts that only revealed the bizarre taste of the giver: out.

Books that were Important Prize Winners but too daunting to read: out. Mostly. Aww, look where I wrote Rolling Stones lyrics in my high school poetry anthology. Save.

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Scouts staying 'Fresh'

Scouts Canada unveils new uniforms designed by Joe Fresh Style

Scouts Canada has style top of mind as it introduces a revamped uniform as part of its big push to revitalize the scouting movement.

Colours are spruced up and sashes for badges disappear for Cubs and Scouts, who will instead wear their symbols of achievement on their sleeves. Canadian flags are also featured in the new design.

The youth organization teamed with affordable apparel brand Joe Fresh Style to give the uniforms their first makeover in two decades.

"We've modernized our brand, we're modernizing our program, we're modernizing how we do business as an organization overall," says Steve Kent, Scouts Canada chief commissioner from Mount Pearl, N.L.

"Having a uniform that's consistent with the kind of image we want to present to Canadian society is really important, and frankly, this uniform refresh is long overdue."

Kent said Joe Fresh was a "clear winner" of the uniform contract for a number of reasons, including leadership in designing clothes for young people and brand recognition by Canadian families. Kent said creative director Joe Mimran took a personal interest in ensuring the project's success.

Mimran said in a statement that his company was honoured to be asked to help with the redesign.

"This organization has a rich history in Canada and we wanted to honour their heritage while at the same time updating the style and fabrication of the uniforms for today's youth."

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The redesign was a collaborative process between Scouts Canada and the Joe Fresh team, in addition to consultations with thousands of Scouts members.

The organization wanted uniforms that were practical and suitable for the demands of outdoor adventure and other activities.

Kent, who is also a member of the house assembly in Newfoundland and Labrador, said it was important that the uniforms be produced in an environmentally and socially responsible way. The garments needed to be affordable, modern, and convey an image consistent with the brand, appealing to youth and adult volunteers while respecting scouting traditions and values.

Kent said the new looks offer modern colours that are distinct for each program while still fitting into the broader clothing line.

Beaver Scouts aged five to seven will continue to wear a bucket hat and vest but in modernized shades of blue and brown.

"Instead of the thick, stiff vests that Beavers have been wearing since the '70s, it's a modern zip-up vest made of a terry fleece, so it's much more like something that a five- or six- or seven-year-old would actually wear," said Kent.

For Cubs aged eight to 10, it's a shift back to past tradition with a grey uniform. The new Scout shirt for 11- to 14-year-olds is modern green, while Venturers aged 14 to 17 will wear navy blue.

Kent said the new design for Rovers, young leaders aged 18 to 26, as well as adult volunteers and leaders is perhaps the most significant change — a "patriotic red" uniform.

And the Canadian flag on the uniform serves as recognition of the role the organization has played in shaping generations of leaders in the country, Kent said.

Redesigned badges for Cub and Scouts will be smaller, thinner and woven rather than embroidered.

Aside from the uniforms, there are also hoodies, polo shirts, hats, pants, jackets and vests, as well as yoga pants for females.

Kent said it's a more relaxed look overall and friendlier for a younger generation while remaining "extremely practical for scouting."

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▶ Clara Estrella models the new Scout uniform.

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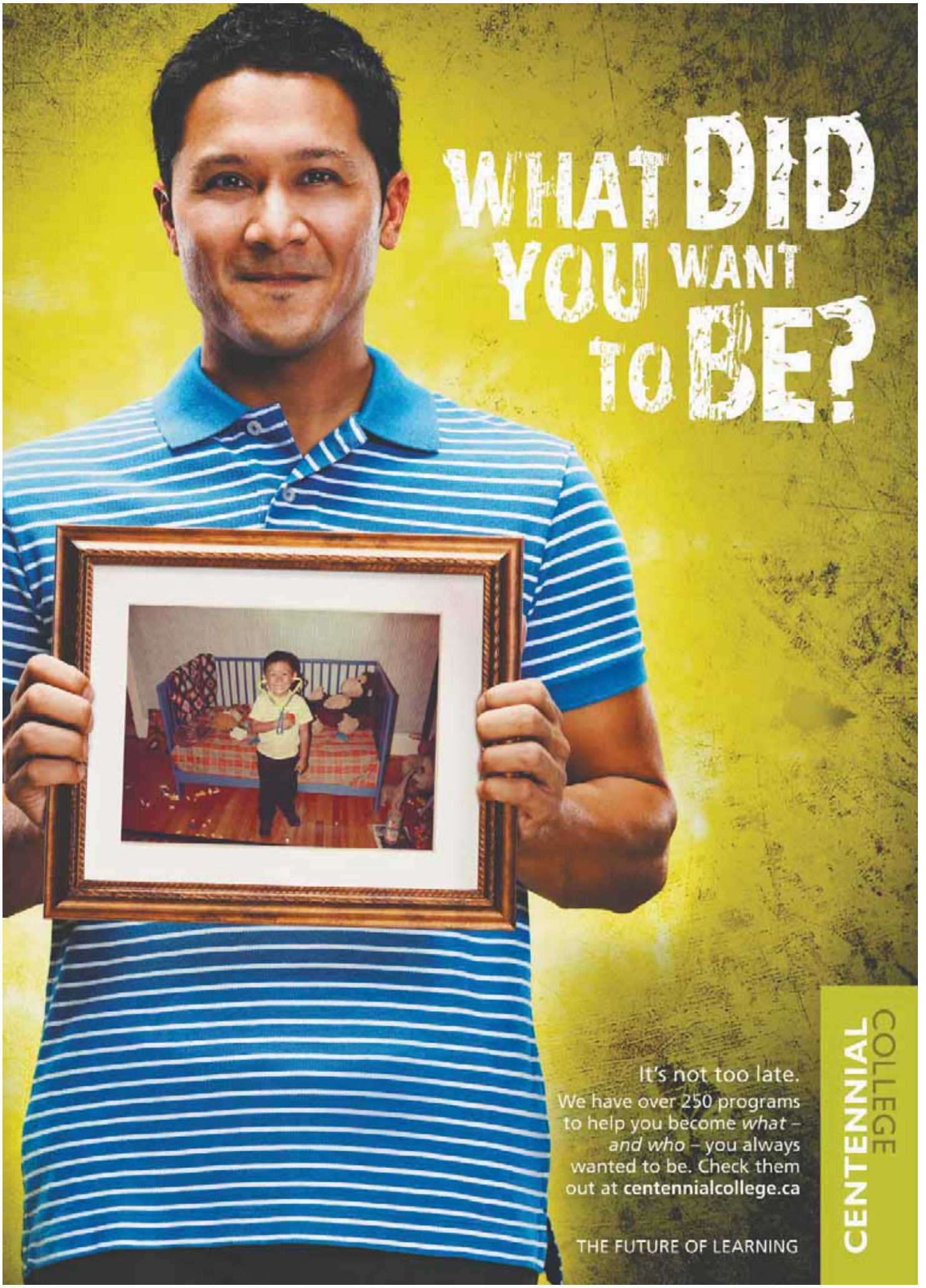
Scouts Canada claims to currently have around 100,000 members. More than 20 per cent of membership is female, and girls' participation has grown steadily over the past decade.

▶ Ethan Hektor models the new Scouts Canada Cub Scout uniform.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Numbers don't lie

Leafs fight to stay in playoff hunt as season nears end ◆ Loss tonight to Sabres would seal their fate

Math is not on the side of the Toronto Maple Leafs. Neither is time.

There was a hint of wistfulness in the air as the team returned to the practice ice yesterday and began preparing for tonight's game against the Buffalo Sabres.

With just six games left on the schedule and seven points to make up in the standings, the dire nature of the situation was impossible to ignore. Despite an impressive 15-7-5 run since the all-star break, the Maple Leafs are likely going to be watching playoff games from the sidelines for a sixth straight season.

"I think we've played as a playoff team the whole second half (of the season), to be honest," said forward Clarke MacArthur. "I feel like we've done a pretty good job this second half and we deserve to be there now."

To keep any hope alive, Toronto needs to beat Buffalo — no easy task of late. The eighth-place Sabres have matched Toronto step for step since the all-star break by going 15-7-4.

"It's been a tiring month," said MacArthur. "We've won three or four in a row a few times and no one's losing. It's tough. As a team, we've been battling hard, I'm proud of the guys.

"Hopefully, we'll get one tomorrow and catch a little break here."

Ultimately, the Maple Leafs need to win all six of their remaining games — they haven't won more than four in a row at any point this season — and hope one of the teams ahead of them crumbles down the stretch.

The maximum total Toronto can reach is 90 points.

The sixth-place Montreal Canadiens and seventh-place New York Rangers need just two wins in their six remaining games to surpass that mark, while Buffalo has to win three of its seven games to hit 91 points.

The Leafs also have to pass the ninth-place Carolina Hurricanes.

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"It sucks to be in the position where you have to count on other teams. Obviously, you'd like to be in the playoffs and be in control of your own business."
JAMES REIMER

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▶ James Reimer tries to refocus after being scored on by the Flyers earlier this month.

Leafs preview

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Buffalo (38-28-0) can virtually dash Toronto's playoff chances with a win. The Sabres lead the Leafs by seven points in the Eastern Conference.

These are desperate times for the Leafs (34-32-10). A 4-2 loss to Detroit Saturday dealt a blow to their slim playoff hopes.
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x-Pittsburgh	76	45	23	5	3	218	183	98	24-13-2-0	21-10-3-3	8-2-0-0	W4
Tampa Bay	75	40	24	5	6	223	228	91	22-11-1-4	18-13-4-2	3-3-2-2	W1
NY Rangers	76	41	30	2	3	218	181	87	18-16-1-3	23-14-1-0	8-1-0-1	W1
Montreal	76	40	29	4	3	200	196	87	22-11-3-3	18-18-1-0	4-6-0-0	L3
Buffalo	75	38	28	8	1	222	210	85	18-16-3-1	20-12-5-0	6-3-1-0	W3
Carolina	75	35	30	5	5	211	224	80	20-13-2-2	15-17-3-3	4-5-1-0	L1
Toronto	76	34	32	5	5	201	232	78	17-14-3-4	17-18-2-1	5-4-1-0	L1
Atlanta	75	32	31	5	7	210	246	76	17-15-2-5	15-16-3-2	6-3-1-0	W1
New Jersey	75	34	36	3	2	155	189	73	18-15-2-1	16-21-0-2	4-5-0-1	L3
NY Islanders	76	29	35	7	5	210	241	70	16-17-1-4	13-18-6-1	4-3-2-1	L2
Florida	76	29	36	5	6	185	209	69	15-15-4-4	14-21-2-1	3-5-0-2	L5
Ottawa	76	29	37	5	5	175	233	68	14-19-2-3	15-18-3-2	6-3-0-1	L1

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	OTL	SL	GF	GA	Pts	Home	Away	Last 10	Strk
y-Vancouver	76	50	17	4	5	247	175	109	25-8-1-4	25-9-3-1	9-1-0-0	W3
d-Detroit	76	44	22	6	4	244	216	98	20-12-4-2	24-10-2-2	5-3-2-0	L1
d-San Jose	76	44	23	4	5	224	199	97	21-11-2-3	23-12-2-2	6-1-0-3	W1
Phoenix	77	41	25	7	4	219	212	93	19-13-4-2	22-12-3-2	7-2-1-0	L1
Los Angeles	75	43	26	4	2	207	181	92	23-12-3-0	20-14-1-2	7-1-2-0	W3
Nashville	76	41	25	6	4	202	179	92	22-8-4-3	19-17-2-1	8-1-1-0	W6
Chicago	75	41	26	3	5	242	206	90	23-15-0-0	18-11-4-4	5-3-1-1	W1
Anaheim	75	42	28	3	2	214	217	89	23-12-1-1	19-16-2-1	7-3-0-0	W1
Calgary	77	38	28	4	7	235	226	87	22-12-1-3	16-16-3-4	4-4-1-1	W1
Dallas	74	38	26	4	6	208	210	86	20-11-3-5	18-15-1-1	4-3-2-1	L3
Minnesota	75	35	32	3	5	188	213	78	17-16-2-3	18-16-1-2	1-7-2-0	L8
St. Louis	75	34	32	4	5	212	219	77	21-12-1-3	13-20-3-2	6-4-0-0	W2
Columbus	75	33	31	4	7	200	230	77	16-17-1-3	17-14-3-4	2-5-1-2	L4
Colorado	74	28	38	7	1	207	262	64	15-18-4-0	13-20-3-1	2-8-0-0	L2
Edmonton	75	23	41	2	9	180	249	57	12-20-1-5	11-21-2-3	1-6-1-2	L9

x — clinched playoff berth; y — clinched division title; d — division leaders; a team winning in overtime or shootout is credited with two points and a victory in the W column; the team losing in overtime or shootout receives one point which is registered in the OTL or SOL columns.

Last night's results
Chicago 3 Detroit 2 (OT)
Colorado at Anaheim
Sunday's results
Vancouver 4 Columbus 1
Atlanta 5 Ottawa 4 (SO)
Boston 2 Philadelphia 1
Pittsburgh 2 Florida 1 (SO)
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Chicago at Boston, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Washington, 7 p.m.
Florida at Columbus, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Montreal, 7:30 p.m.
Ottawa at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Minnesota at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Nashville, 8 p.m.
Los Angeles at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Dallas at Phoenix, 10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
N.Y. Rangers at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Montreal at Carolina, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.

BLACKHAWKS 3, WINGS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. Chicago, Toews 31 (Brouwer, Campoli) 2:54
2. Detroit, Lidstrom 15 (V.Filppula, Rafalski) 7:36
3. Chicago, Seabrook 6 (Kane, Hossa) 13:18 (pp)
Penalties — Bertuzzi Det (elbowing major, game misconduct) 5:17, Hossa Chi (slashing) 6:08, Frolik Chi (hooking) 9:55, Helm Det (tripping) 13:08, Kopecky Chi (delay of game) 14:17, R.Johnson Chi (tripping) 16:44.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalties — None.
Third Period
4. Detroit, Zetterberg 23 (Hudler, Rafalski) 2:25 (pp)
Penalties — Hjalmarsson Chi (high-sticking) 1:44, Ericsson Det (holding) 9:26, Kruger Chi (holding stick), Kronwall Det (slashing) 12:41, Zetterberg Det (hooking) 19:56.
Overtime
5. Chicago, Hossa 23 (Kane, Keith) 0:51 (pp)
Penalties — None.
Shots

Chicago	14	16	10	1	—41
Detroit	14	9	12	0	—35

Goal — Chicago: Crawford (W,30-15-5); Detroit: MacDonald (L,5-4-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Chicago: 2-5; Detroit: 1-4. **Referees** — Brad Watson, Kyle Rehman. **Linesmen** — Jonny Murray, Shane Heyer.
Att. — 20,066 (20,066) at Detroit.

SUNDAY

THRASHERS 5, SENATORS 4 (SO)

First Period
1. Atlanta, Wheeler 16 (Bogosian, Ladd) 4:02
2. Ottawa, Svatos 3, 5:51
Penalties — Z.Smith Ott, Thorburn Atl (fighting) 8:30, Michalek Ott (holding) 10:32, Wiercioch Ott (holding) 16:24, Lee Ott (high-sticking) 19:12, Boulton Atl (roughing) 19:56.
Second Period
3. Atlanta, Little 17 (Wheeler) 10:15
4. Atlanta, Maxwell 1 (Byfuglien, Hainsey) 10:34
5. Ottawa, Neil 6 (Winchester, Wiercioch) 13:37
Penalties — None.
Third Period
6. Atlanta, Stuart 2 (Antropov, Maxwell) 2:08
7. Ottawa, Condra 6 (Spezza, Lee) 7:12
8. Ottawa, Svatos 4 (Kuba, Karlsson) 14:52
Penalty — Wiercioch Ott (hooking) 5:08.
Overtime
Penalties — None.
Shootout
Atlanta wins 1-0
Ottawa (0) — Karlsson, miss; Spezza, miss; Svatos, miss; Shannon, miss. **Atlanta (1)** — Schremp, miss; Little, miss; Wheeler, miss; Ladd, goal.
Shots

Ottawa	7	11	8	2	—28
Atlanta	10	22	13	2	—47

Goal — Ottawa: Anderson (L,21-19-4); Atlanta: Mason (W,12-11-3). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Ottawa: 0-1; Atlanta: 0-4. **Referees** — Chris Rooney, Gord Dwyer. **Linesmen** — Brad Kovachik, Jean Morin.
Attendance — 16,392 (18,545).

CANUCKS 4, BLUE JACKETS 1

First Period
1. Vancouver, Ehrhoff 12 (Higgins, Raymond) 7:52
Penalties — Torres Vcr (high-sticking) 2:02, MacKenzie Clb (roughing) 12:59, Higgins Vcr (tripping) 19:08.
Second Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Hansen Vcr (elbowing) 14:14.
Third Period
2. Vancouver, H.Sedin 19 (D.Sedin, Kesler) 3:36 (pp)
3. Vancouver, Higgins 12 (Kesler, Raymond) 9:03
4. Columbus, Umberger 24 (Vermette) 11:07
5. Vancouver, Higgins 13, 17:36 (pp)
Penalties — Lepisto Clb (tripping) 3:22, Kesler Vcr (goaltender interference) 4:29, Burrows Vcr (hooking) 5:24, Voracek Clb (goaltender interference) 13:35, Vermette Clb (interference) 16:06.
Shots

Vancouver	7	5	12	—24
Columbus	13	12	15	—40

Goal — Vancouver: C.Schneider (W,15-3-2); Columbus: Garon (L,10-12-5). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Vancouver: 2-4; Columbus: 0-5.
Referees — Dean Morton, Kevin Pollock.
Linesmen — Vaughan Rody, Greg Devorski.
Attendance — 14,469 (18,144).

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
D.Sedin, Vcr	40	56	96
H.Sedin, Vcr	19	70	89
St. Louis, TB	26	61	87
Stamkos, TB	43	43	86
Perry, Ana	44	41	85
Ovechkin, Wash	29	48	77
Iginla, Cal	36	39	75
Zetterberg, Det	22	53	75
Toews, Chi	30	44	74
Kopitar, LA	25	48	73
Selanne, Ana	25	45	70
C.Giroux, Pha	24	46	70
B.Richards, Dal	25	44	69
Kesler, Vcr	36	32	68
Getzlaf, Ana	18	50	68
Sharp, Chi	34	34	68
E.Staal, Car	31	37	68
Crosby, Pgh	32	34	66
Nash, Clb	32	34	66
Ribeiro, Dal	16	50	66
Ryan, Ana	32	33	65
P.Kane, Chi	25	40	65
Eriksson, Dal	24	41	65
J.Carter, Pha	34	30	64
Marleau, SJ	33	31	64
Vanek, Buf	26	38	64
J.Thornton, SJ	19	46	64
M.Richards, Pha	21	41	62
Tavares, NYI	27	34	61
Pavelski, SJ	18	43	61
Visnovsky, Ana	15	46	61
Briere, Pha	32	28	60
Clowe, SJ	24	36	60
Havlat, Minn	21	39	60
Krecji, Bos	12	48	60
Duchene, Col	26	33	59
Heatley, SJ	24	35	59
Tanguay, Cal	19	40	59
Backstrom, Wash	18	41	59
Lidstrom, Det	14	45	59
Lucic, Bos	30	28	58
Yandle, Phx	11	47	58
Kessel, Tor	29	28	57
Datsyuk, Det	22	35	57
J.Williams, LA	22	35	57

Last night's games not included

CRICKET

WORLD CUP

SEMIFINALS

Today's match
At Colombo, Sri Lanka
New Zealand vs. Sri Lanka
Tomorrow's match
At Mohali, India
Pakistan vs. India

BASKETBALL

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FINAL FOUR

At Houston
NATIONAL SEMIFINALS
Saturday's games
Kentucky (29-8) vs. Connecticut (30-9)
Butler (27-9) vs. Virginia Commonwealth (28-11)
NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP
Monday, April 4
Semifinal winners

MLB

SPRING TRAINING

Yesterday's results
Boston 3, Toronto 2
Baltimore 14, Detroit 9
Minnesota 4, Pittsburgh 3
Cincinnati 9 Chicago White Sox 1
Texas 6 Arizona 4
Florida (ss) 7, St. Louis 0
Philadelphia 7, Houston 6
Seattle 7 Colorado 6
Kansas City 10 Milwaukee (ss) 0
Milwaukee (ss) 5 San Diego 4
Cleveland 4 Chicago Cubs 3
Florida (ss) vs. N.Y. Mets, ccd., rain
Washington vs. Atlanta, ccd., rain
Tampa Bay vs. N.Y. Yankees, ccd., rain
L.A. Angels at L.A. Dodgers
Oakland at San Francisco
Today's games
All times Eastern
NY Mets vs. Wash. at Viera, Fla., 12:05 pm
Det. vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla., 1:05 pm
Tampa Bay vs. Bos. at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 pm
Toronto vs. Balt. at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Milw. vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Goodyear, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Arizona vs. Chi. Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 4:05 p.m.
Sea. vs. Colorado at Scottsdale, Ariz., 4:10 pm
Pittsburgh at Philadelphia, 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota at Atlanta, 7:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 10:05 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	2	0	0	6	2	0
Chicago	1	0	1	4	4	3
New England	1	0	1	4	3	2
New York	1	0	1	4	1	0
D.C.	1	1	0	3	4	3
Toronto FC	1	1	0	3	4	4
Sporting Kansas City	1	1	0	3	5	5
Houston	0	1	1	1	1	2
Columbus	0	1	1	1	1	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Real Salt Lake	2	0	0	6	5	1
Colorado	2	0	0	6	4	1
Los Angeles	1	1	1	4	3	5
Vancouver	1	1	0	3	4	3
San Jose	1	1	0	3	2	1
Seattle	0	2	1	1	1	3
FC Dallas	0	1	1	1	1	3
Chivas USA	0	2	0	0	2	4
Portland	0	2	0	0	1	5

NOTE: Three points for victory, one pt. for tie.
Friday's games
All times Eastern
FC Dallas at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Chivas USA at Toronto FC, 1 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Vancouver, 7 p.m.
Houston at New York, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle FC at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.
Sunday, April 3
D.C. United at Colorado, 7 p.m.

CONCACAF UNDER-20

CHAMPIONSHIP
At Guatemala City
Canada 2 Guadeloupe 1

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At Bamako, Mali
Libya 3 Comoros 0
Exhibition
Guatemala 1 Bolivia 1

TENNIS

ATP-WTA SONY ERICSSON OPEN

At Key Biscayne, Fla.
Men's Singles — Third Round
Rafael Nadal (1), Spain, def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 6-3.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Juan Monaco (32), Argentina, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (7), Czech Republic, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 7-6 (8), 7-5.
Florian Mayer, Germany, def. Nicolas Almagro (11), Spain, 6-1, 3-6, 6-1.
Olivier Rochus, Belgium, def. Mikhail Youzhny (13), Russia, 1-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Philipp Petzschner, Germany, 6-3, 6-3.
Men's Doubles — Second Round
Max Mirnyi, Belarus, and **Daniel Nestor (2), Toronto,** def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, and Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 6-2.
Oliver Marach, Austria, and Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, def. Bob and Mike Bryan (1), U.S., 7-5, 6-4.
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, and Jurgen Melzer (4), Germany, def. Lukas Dlouhy, Czech Republic, and Paul Hanley, Australia, 6-2, 4-6, 10-6 tiebreak.
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi (7), Pakistan, def. Michal Mertinak, Slovakia, and Dick Norman, Belgium, 7-6 (4), 3-6, 10-8 tiebreak.
Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Horia Tecau (8), Romania, def. John Isner and Sam Querrey, U.S., 6-4, 6-4.
Women's Singles — Fourth Round
Andrea Petkovic (21), Germany, def. Caroline Wozniacki (1), Denmark, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3.
Vera Zvonareva (3), Russia, def. Marion Bartoli (15), France, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Maria Sharapova (16), Russia, def. Sam Stosur (4), Australia, 6-4, 6-1.
Agnieszka Radwanska (9), Poland, def. Francesca Schiavone (5), Italy, 6-0, 6-2.
Jelena Jankovic (6), Serbia, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 6-1, 6-3.
Alexandra Dulgheru (26), Romania, def. Peng Shuai, China, 6-3, 6-4.
Women's Doubles — Second Round
Sloane Stephens, U.S., and Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands and Meghann Shaughnessy (7), U.S., 1-6, 7-6 (9), 10-7 tiebreak.
Shahar Peer, Israel, and Peng Shuai, China, def. Alisa Kleybanova, Russia, and Yan Zi, China, 6-3, 4-6, 10-8 tiebreak.

GOLF

MEN'S WORLD RANKING

Through March 27

1. Martin Kaymer	Ger	7.87
2. Lee Westwood	Eng	7.54
3. Luke Donald	Eng	6.55
4. Graeme McDowell	Nlr	6.19
5. Tiger Woods	USA	5.82
6. Phil Mickelson	USA	5.70
7. Paul Casey	Eng	5.63
8. Rory McIlroy	Nlr	5.44
9. Matt Kuchar	USA	5.33
10. Steve Stricker	USA	5.24
11. Jim Furyk	USA	5.04
12. Dustin Johnson	USA	5.00
13. Ernie Els	SAf	4.73
14. Nick Watney	USA	4.65
15. Francesco Molinari	Ita	4.48
16. Ian Poulter	Eng	4.47
17. Bubba Watson	USA	4.35
18. Hunter Mahan	USA	4.18
19. Retief Goosen	SAf	4.17
20. Robert Karlsson	Swe	4.08
21. Martin Laird	Sco	3.86
22. Louis Oosthuizen	SAf	3.70
23. Tim Clark	SAf	3.67
24. Miguel Angel Jimenez	Esp	3.66
25. Alvaro Quiros	Esp	3.63
26. Justin Rose	Eng	3.60
27. Edoardo Molinari	Ita	3.52
28. Adam Scott	Aus	3.45
29. Charl Schwartzel	SAf	3.44
30. Robert Allenby	Aus	3.39
31. Rickie Fowler	USA	3.19
32. Geoff Ogilvy	Aus	3.15

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Chicago	53	20	.726	—
y-Boston	51	22	.699	2
x-Miami	51	22	.699	2
x-Orlando	47	27	.635	6½
x-Atlanta	42	32	.568	11½
Philadelphia	38	36	.514	15½
New York	36	38	.486	17½
Indiana	33	42	.440	21
Charlotte	31	42	.425	22
Milwaukee	29	44	.397	24
Detroit	26	47	.356	27
New Jersey	23	49	.319	29½
Toronto	20	53	.274	33
Washington	18	55	.247	35
Cleveland	14	58	.194	38½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	57	17	.770	—
y-L.A. Lakers	53	20	.726	3½
x-Dallas	52	21	.712	4½
x-Oklahoma City	48	24	.667	8
Denver	44	29	.603	12½
Portland	43	31	.581	14
New Orleans	42	32	.568	15
Memphis	41	33	.554	16
Houston	38	35	.521	18½
Phoenix	36	36	.500	20
Utah	36	39	.480	21½
Golden State	32	42	.432	25
L.A. Clippers	29	45	.392	28
Sacramento	20	52	.278	36
Minnesota	17	57	.230	40

d – division leader; **x** — clinched playoff berth; **y** — clinched division.

Last night's results
Charlotte 87, Milwaukee 86
Indiana 107, Boston 100
New York 113, Orlando 106, OT
Philadelphia 97, Chicago 85
Portland 100, San Antonio 92
Washington 100, Utah 95 (OT)
Sunday's results
Atlanta 99 Cleveland 83
Boston 85 Minnesota 82
Golden State 114 Washington 104
L.A. Lakers 102 New Orleans 84
Miami 125 Houston 119
Memphis 111 San Antonio 104
Oklahoma City 99 Portland 90
Sacramento 114 Philadelphia 111 (OT)
Dallas 91 Phoenix 83
Tonight's games
All times Eastern
Miami at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Houston at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Phoenix at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

LACROSSE

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EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Toronto	12	9	3	.750	141	114	—
x-Buffalo	11	8	3	.727	122	102	½
Rochester	11	6	5	.545	106	117	2½
Boston	13	6	7	.462	133	120	3½
Philadelphia	12	4	8	.333	109	138	5

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	Pct.	GF	GA	GB
x-Calgary	12	9	3	.750	153	132	—
x-Washington	12	6	6	.500	155	143	3
Minnesota	11	5	6	.455	124	124	3½
Edmonton	12	3	9	.250	131	160	6
Colorado	10	2	8	.200	89	113	6

x — clinched playoff berth.
WEEK 12
Sunday's result
Buffalo 12 Minnesota 9
WEEK 13
All times Eastern
Friday's games
Washington at Toronto, 7:30 p.m.
Colorado at Edmonton, 9 p.m.
Minnesota at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Rochester at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Buffalo, 7:30 p.m.
Calgary at Minnesota, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9 p.m.

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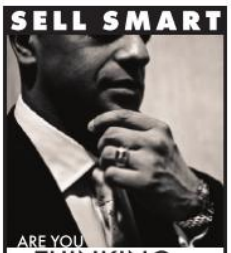

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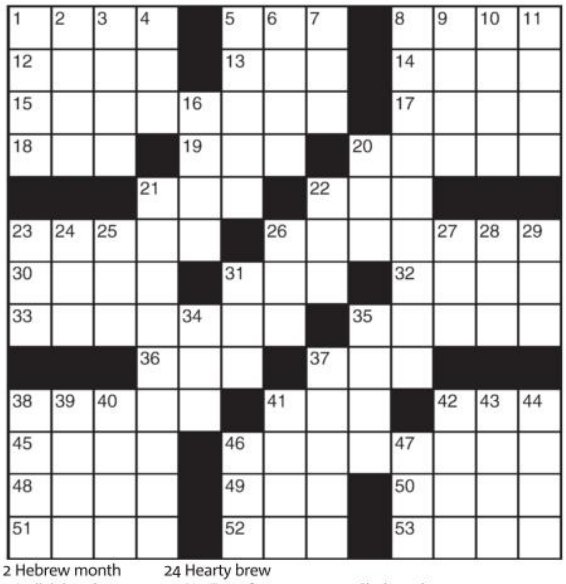

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1 Mustard containers
5 Lustrous black
8 Spill the beans
12 "American —"
13 Ordinal ending
14 Corporate symbol
15 Eye shade
17 Secondhand
18 Before
19 Clay, today
20 Poor
21 Street address?
22 Unruly bunch
23 Posts
26 Boris of old horror movies
30 Additionally
31 Repair
32 Verbal
33 Account addition
35 Hackneyed
36 Pooch
37 Massachusetts cape
38 Talkative
41 Stickum
42 Vast expanse
45 Old Italian money
46 Wad
48 Valhalla VIP
49 Moreover
50 Capri, e.g.
51 Seven days
52 Past
53 Measure of meds

Down

1 Agree
2 Hebrew month
3 Judicial garb
4 Crafty
5 Wobbly dessert
6 Needle case
7 Definite article
8 Aristocrat
9 Come in last
10 On in years
11 Corpse
16 Taverns
20 Neither partner
21 Red Cross repository
22 CONTROL Agent 86
23 Frenzied
24 Hearty brew
25 NetZero, for ex.
26 DIY buy
27 Bobby of hockey
28 Enthusiast
29 Soar
31 Newton fruit
34 Sauce source
35 Prepare food
37 Time-share unit
38 Glisten
39 Staffer
40 Soft cheese
41 Group of hoodlums
42 Mediocre
43 Right angles
44 Sheltered
46 Sheep's call
47 Disencumber

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

4			3		1			
6	2						3	4
	3			4		8		
	1		2	6				5
		5				9		
9				1	5		8	
		6		7			1	
8	9						7	3
			4		6			9

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Yesterday's answer ▶

5	2	9	3	4	6	8	1	7
6	7	4	2	1	8	9	3	5
8	1	3	9	5	7	4	2	6
1	3	6	7	8	2	5	9	4
2	5	8	1	9	4	7	6	3
4	9	7	6	3	5	1	8	2
3	6	5	8	7	9	2	4	1
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♈ Aries March 21-April 20 Try not to be too much of a perfectionist. Sometimes, the standards you set are almost impossible to reach. The Sun in your sign, along with Jupiter, makes you intensely ambitious but success isn't everything.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21 Keep what you know to yourself today, especially if it could be dangerous to people in positions of power. There is a time to rock the boat. You'll know when it arrives.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21 Loved ones know what you are capable of but even authority figures are beginning to realize there is something special about you. You'll make a lot of friends in the next 24 hours.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart makes you tremendously ambitious but ambition alone is not enough. Make sure that you devote your time and energy to something that is worthy of your remarkable talents.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23 You must be careful that you do not mislead yourself about what is and is not possible. Temper your enthusiasm with a large dose of unnatural caution.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22 At this time of year, you can't afford to be too independent. Remember, you don't have to like people in order to work with them. It's more important to trust them.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23 You seem to be under pressure at the moment. It will build as the week goes on. You can make life easier by not taking anything too seriously. Focus on having some fun.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22 You may have certain obligations but that does not make you a slave to other people's desires. Make sure everyone knows that you retain the ultimate right to say "yes" or "no".

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 Cosmic activity in your fellow Fire sign of Aries means you not only have enough energy to get things done for yourself but for other people as well. Make sure you help those who deserve it.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20 Stand back from everyday worries and see your life from a wider perspective. Sometimes, it can be easy to believe that the odds are stacked against you. It simply isn't true.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18 You are not in the mood for serious things. So, do what you must as quickly as you can then move on to something that inspires you. Set a limit for the time you spend on chores.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 Your main task today is to balance your need for emotional and material security with the need to have a good time. The more you get out and about, the more fun you'll have.

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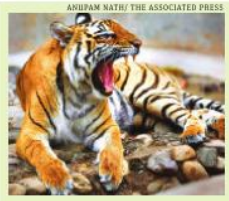

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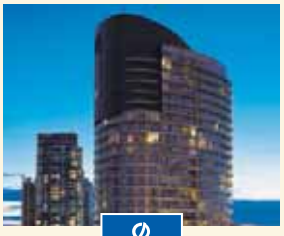

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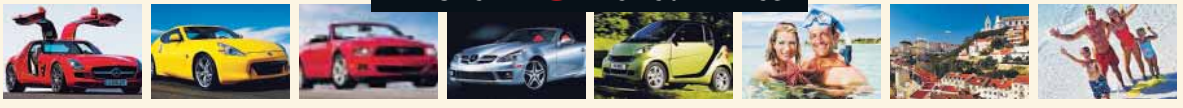

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